



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Ephesians

Through You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

4th Sunday of Lent

15th March 2026

A Heartfelt Prayer

FOR a Mother's Unconditional Love



Lord, thank you for the beautiful, unyielding love that mothers show their children.

They give of themselves endlessly, pouring out compassion, care and comfort, often without rest.

May Your love fill them, Lord, and renew their strength. Let them feel appreciated and seen, not just today, but every day.

May their love be a reflection of Your eternal love for us.

May every mother feel Your tender touch and be reminded that You are always with them.

Amen.

Happy Mother's Day

Religious Services to attend

Morning Mass (Arles): 10am Tuesday - Friday

Recitation of the Rosary (Arles): 9.30am Tuesday - Friday

Confession: After 10am Arles Mass (First Friday)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tues. 11am-1pm (Killeen), Wed. 10am-9pm (Doonane) & Fri. 7.30pm-8.30pm (Ballylinan)

In Memoriam

We pray for: Elizabeth (Betty) Hogan, Glasnevin, who died on 3rd March.

Anniversaries for 15 March 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Norah Byrne, Gracefield
Doonane (8pm): Dinny Hayden, Rathangan
Margaret & Edmund Mulhall, Doonane Terrace
Thomas & Mary Casey, Wolfhill
Catherine & John Watchorn, Carlow
Catherine Dowling, Carlow
Liam Colohan, Newtown
Liam Kelly, Clonbrock
Michael Shiels (5th Anniversary)

Killeen (9am): Kathleen & Patrick Walsh
James, Annie & Jack Dooley, Grange.
Arles (10am): Michael Storey (Months Mind)
& his niece Kathleen Gleeson.
Mayo (11.30am): Peg & Tommy Moore, Ardough

Anniversaries for 22 March 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Mary Barcoe
Doonane (8pm): Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, The Swan
Killeen (9am): John (Jackie) Behan,
Tierernane (2nd Anniversary)
Arles (10am): Michael Mooney, Ashfield
Mayo (11.30am): Paddy Murphy, Monavea

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

St. Patrick's Day Mass Time



10am Arles

All are welcome
to celebrate
our National Saint

Please note: Parish Office closed on St. Patrick's Day

Vocation Discernment Weekend



Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co. Louth. A92 KR84, from the 20th – 22nd of March 2026 and the 17th – 19th April 2026. For single women between the ages of 18- 35 years old.

Please contact: Sr. Mairead O.P.

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Safeguarding

DLP: Michele Hughes , mobile number 086-1710643 and email: dlp@kandic.ie

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Arles Doonane Parish Office

(083) 8765 800

Opening Hours: Tuesday 10am - 1pm & Friday 10am - 1pm

Please contact the Office if you require an Anniversary Mass booking, a copy of a Baptismal Certificate or if you wish to book a Baptism or Wedding in the Parish.

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Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Takes place on Sunday 7th June 2026, further details later.

Night Vigil of Adoration

Starting after 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Monday 16th March, Until Benediction at 8am on Tuesday 17th March, 2026, St Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise.



MDCE PROJECT CLG

Community Employment Scheme Vacancies available



Killeshin Soccer CES-2433016

Oisín Park CES-2433018

Office Admin CES-2433009

Anyone interested in a position the application is available on Jobsireland.ie or you can contact MDCE Project CLG directly on 056 4442711 or email us at mdceproject@gmail.com.



Evangelium Young Adults Conference

Evangelium is hosting a one-day Catholic apologetics conference for young adults (18-40) on Saturday 21 March 2026 (10am-6:30pm) at the Clayton Hotel Silver Springs, Cork. The day will include talks and a panel Q&A on topics such as the Resurrection, St Augustine, evangelising youth, and the beauty of the Catholic faith. Tickets are €15 (incl. refreshments). Tickets can be found Eventbrite or www.evangelium.ie



Blood Donation Clinic

Monasterevin, Monday 16th March 3.45pm – 8pm. Book your appointment on www.giveblood.ie



Lotto Results

10th March 2026

Winning Numbers

4 16 21 28

Jackpot €8,150

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Darren Kelly

Lucky Dip €20 - John Jones

Lucky Dip €20 - Veronica Wheatley

Lucky Dip €20 - Lauren Wheatley

Next Weeks Jackpot €8,200



Bingo Knockbeg College

Thursday 19th of March starts at 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm). Entry Booklets cost €10 and are available from the Knockbeg office (05991 42127) or on the night. Prizes €20 for a line, €30 for two lines and €50 for a full house.

In aid of Knockbeg Parent's Association and New Pitch Development. All support is greatly appreciated.

