



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Show us Lord, the path of life.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all



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3rd Sunday of Easter

19th April 2026

happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Road to Emmaus Prayer

As a child of God I, too, am on a journey -
my own faith journey.

Although at times I may not recognise
Christ's presence,

I pray that I may be open to Christ's eternal
presence

And walk in His light.

As the hearts of the Emmaus-walkers burned
within them so long ago,

I, too, experience the source of warmth and
light when I recognise

Christ present among us.

May my words and actions reflect my fidelity
to the Gospel,

And may I lead
others to witness to
Jesus.

Amen.



THE ROAD TO
EMMAUS

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: Sheila Flood, Oldcourt, Ballylinan who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 19 April 2026

Ballylinan (7pm):

Doonane (8pm): Kate Neale, Kilgorey

Killeen (9am): Ann McDonald, Killabban
(15th Anniversary)

Arles (10am): Tony Noctor (13th Anniversary)

Julie Broderick (3rd Anniv.) & her
grandparents Tom & Bridie Harris

Michael Bolger (16th Anniv.) & Moira Bolger (2nd Anniv.)

Mayo (11.30am): Molly Murphy, Monavea

Henry Eyre, Gortahile & his daughter Mary

Andrew & Bridget Farrell, their son Willie
and his baby sister, & their grandsons Andrew, Paul &
John, Ardough, Bilboa

Annie Rice, Kilgorey

Anniversaries for 26 April 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): John & Elizabeth Byrne

William Bambrick (3rd Anniv & Birthday Rem.)

Doonane (8pm): Michael Larter, Stradbally &
Doonane (Months Mind)

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Betty Feehan (Months Mind)

Mayo (11.30am):

©Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Arles Art Group

Arles Art Group Spring class starts Wednesday 22nd April in Arles Hall at 7.30pm. Open to all, 18 and over.

Think you can't paint or draw? Come and find your inner artist.

Enquires to Claire on 087 186 2435.



Donore Avenue Parish, Dublin Pilgrimage to Lisieux, September 18 - 21, staying in a beautiful hotel across the road from the Carmel of St Therese. €795 includes flights, coaching, full religious programme, all dinners and some lunches. Please phone 057 93 55050 or email info@myriam.ie

Carlow Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance

The Carlow Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance will be held in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow at 1:30pm Sharp on Sunday 26th April, 2026. Music by "Teresa and the Stars." Tickets €30 from Anne McDarby on 087 7638695 (evenings 6pm to 9pm) before Wednesday 22nd April.



Irish Dancing Classes

Irish Dancing classes for boys and girls are back every Monday and Wednesday in St Anne's Hall, Ballylinan.

Contact Geraldine on 0876176870 for further details

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Invite you to a talk "Suicide Bereavement, From Heart-break to Hope" Thursday 30th April, 7.00pm in Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny. Admission free, booking on www.eventbrite.ie recommended. Speakers Christy Kenneally is a novelist, poet & broadcaster and Dr. Linda Finnegan a clinical psychologist & psychotherapist will address how a death by Suicide can devastate the lives of those left behind.



Crettyard Ladies GFC

Results

Div 3 League: Crettyard 2-6 Ballyroan 2-10

U16 League: Crettyard/Ballinakill v Graiguecullen cancelled

U14 League: Crettyard/Ballinakill 5-6 Sarsfields 2-2

U12: Crettyard/Ballinakill v St. Paul's cancelled

Fixtures - April

17th U12 v Portlaoise @6.30, Away

19th Div 3 v Sarsfields @6.30, Home

21st U16 v Mountrath @6.30, Away

23rd U14 v Portlaoise 6.30, Away

24th Div 3 v St. Paul's @7.30, Away

25th U8/U10 blitz @10



Dr Daniel William Cahill: upcoming lecture and exhibition

A lecture about Dr Daniel William Cahill (1796-1864), an Arles native, prominent Catholic priest and celebrated science lecturer will take place at Carlow College, St Patrick's on Thursday, 23 April starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and admission is free of charge.



The talk, organised by the Delany Archive, will be delivered by Dr Diarmid Finnegan, Queen's University Belfast.

The talk, which is entitled "This panorama of billions of worlds": Daniel William Cahill (1796-1864) and the politics of astronomy in post-Emancipation Ireland" will explore key episodes in Cahill's largely untold story.



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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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