

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: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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 first letter of St. Peter.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his

own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH
NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

4th Sunday of Easter

26th April 2026

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you:
to care for all that are close to us,
to protect those who are threatened,
to welcome those who are rejected,
to forgive those who are burdened by guilt,
to heal those who are broken and sick,
to share with those who have little or nothing,
to take the time to really know one another
and love as you have loved us.

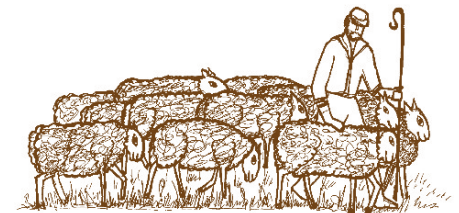


Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you:
to spread compassion to those who are far away,
to speak for those who are voiceless,
to defend those who are oppressed and abused,
to work for justice for those who are exploited,
to make peace for those who suffer violence,
to take the time to recognise our connectedness,
and to love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd,
Teach us to follow you
and to be faithful to calling you gave us
to be shepherds in your name.

Amen.

~ John van de Laar.



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

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):

Anniversaries for 03 May 2026

Ballylinan (7pm):

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): William & Annie Dooley & their son John

Arles (10am):

Mayo (11.30am): Michael Moore, Monavea

©ternal rest grant unto them, © Lord



The desire of the soul is this - to be beautifully disposed.

~ Athanasius of Alexandria ~

Letter to Marcellinus on the Psalms

Feast Day: Saturday 2nd May

Sick and Housebound

Fr. Pdraig will call to the Sick & Housebound of the parish this coming Friday (1st May)



If you wish to be added to those who are attended monthly, please ring the Parish Office with your details (083) 8765 800.

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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The next Ballylinan Community Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th April at 8pm in St. Anne's Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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



MDCE PROJECT CLG

Community Employment Scheme Vacancies available



Killeshin Soccer CES-2439911

Oisín Park CES-2439913

Office Admin CES-2439912

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. Also if anyone over 50 and signing for credits are interested in a position on the CE Scheme please get in contact.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN IRELAND

Aid to the Church in Need has taken note of the images recently circulating that show the destruction of a statue of Jesus Christ in southern Lebanon.

According to public statements issued on 19–20 April 2026, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) have confirmed that the images are authentic and depict an IDF soldier operating in southern Lebanon.

ACN expresses its deep sorrow at the desecration of a sacred Christian symbol and firmly condemns this act. It also expresses its full solidarity with the local Christian community in Lebanon, which has already endured years of insecurity and instability.

Respect for religious symbols and places of worship is a fundamental principle, even — and especially — in times of conflict. No circumstance can justify acts that wound the religious dignity of communities or show contempt for what is sacred to them.

Faithful to its mission, ACN stands alongside Christians who suffer, offering spiritual closeness and concrete support wherever faith, dignity and religious freedom are at risk.

ACN invites all to pray for the Christian communities in Lebanon and throughout the region, and renews its call for the protection of religious freedom and respect for what is sacred in every tradition.



Crettyard Ladies GFC

Best of luck to Freya Jones and all the Laois Minor Ladies team in the Leinster Final on Sunday 26th v Westmeath in Athy GAA at 4.15pm.

Results

Div 3 League - Crettyard 1-15 Sarsfields 2-08

U16 League - Crettyard/Ballinakill v Mountrath cancelled

U12 Go Games - Crettyard/Ballinakill beaten by Portlaoise

Fixtures - April

23rd U14 v Portlaoise @6.30

24th Div 3 v St. Paul's @8pm

25th U8/U10 blitz @10

30th U14 v Timahoe @6.30



Lotto Results

21st April 2026

Winning Numbers

6 25 27 30

Jackpot €700

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Ben Brennan

Lucky Dip €20 - Ann P Brennan

Lucky Dip €20 - Pat Kelly

Lucky Dip €20 - Patrick Rowan

Next Weeks Jackpot €750



Safeguarding

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