



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Colossians.

Since you have been brought back to true life

with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

Easter Sunday

5th April 2026



On the Hope of Easter



The Cross is an ancient symbol. Expressed lyrically, there is cruciform structure to every pain, difficulty, and sadness. In this sense, the Cross is not an external object that belongs far away on a hill in Jerusalem. Rather, the shape of the Cross is internal to the human heart. Every heart has a cruciform shape.

When you look at the different conflicts in your life, you find that they are placed where the contradictions cross each other. At the nerve of contradiction, you have the centre of the Cross, the nail of pain where two intimate but conflicting realities criss-cross. To view the standing Cross is to see how it embraces all directions. The vertical beam reaches from the lowest depth of clay to the highest zenith of divinity, the horizontal beam stretches the breadth of the world.

The promise to each of us is that we will never be called to walk the lonely path of suffering without seeing the footprints ahead of us which lead eventually over the brow of the hill where Resurrection awaits us. Behind the darkness of suffering, a subtle brightening often manifests itself. Two lines in a poem by Philippe Jaccottet echo this: "Love, like fire, can only reveal its brightness / on the failure and the beauty of burnt wood." There is consolation and transfiguration here. The fires of suffering are disclosures of love. It is the nature of the lover to suffer. The marks and wounds that suffering leave on us are eventually places of beauty. This is the deep beauty of soul where limitation and damage, rather than remaining forces that cripple, are revealed as transfiguration

John O'Donohue, *Eternal Echoes*



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 5 April 2026

Our Masses on Easter Sunday are offered for all our faithful departed.

May they know the joy of the Risen Lord in the happiness of heaven.

Anniversaries for 12 April 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Bernard Brennan & Rose Brennan Jordan
James, Elizabeth, J.J. & Paddy Brennan, Clonpierce

Margaret McEvoy (10th Anniversary)

Doonane (8pm): Patrick Nash, Farnans

Patrick (Pa) Brennan & his parents Elizabeth & Michael Brennan

Killeen (9am): John, Kathleen & Michael McDonald
Sheila Byrne, The Forge

Arles (10am): Colm (Collie) Kennedy
Gerry Kealy, Ashfield (4th Anniversary)
Inez Feehan

Eddie Egan, Aughaterry (6th Anniversary)

Mayo (11.30am): Mick and Nan Kelly, Tolerton

©ternal rest grant unto them, © Lord

Trócaire

Parishioners are invited to return their Trócaire Boxes to any of our three churches over the Easter period. Many thanks for your support for the Lenten Campaign.

Pro Terra Sancta Collection



Bishop Denis has asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up a special collection over Easter for the Christian Communities and Parishes in the Holy Land. As we all know, their need is very great at this time.

Thank you



Parish Office & Shop

Please Note: The Parish Office & Shop (083) 8765 800 will be closed for Easter. It will reopen again on Tuesday 14th April at 10am.



Pilgrimage to Knock.

Bus to Knock on Sunday 19th of April for The Annual Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage. Seats €25. To book Tel: Margaret on 086 325493. Full details on Church Notice Boards.



No Morning Mass or Rosary in Arles this coming week.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

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



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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Ardough National School

Bingo Fundraiser Night

Friday 1st May at 7pm in Ardough NS

8 Game Book €10. Kids Half Book €5

Two Extra Monster Rounds €2. Raffle

Jackpot €100



Arles Parents Association will be holding their annual fundraising cake sale this morning, Easter Sunday, after Mass in Arles Hall, Your support would be appreciated.



Lotto Results

31st March 2026

Winning Numbers

3 10 22 28

Jackpot €550

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - John Burke

Lucky Dip €20 - Alice & Aiden Rowan

Lucky Dip €20 - Criostoir Maher

Lucky Dip €20 - Kathleen Purcell

Next Weeks Jackpot €600



Safeguarding

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Offering Envelopes

