



**First reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone

to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



ARLES DOONANE PARISH  
NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

5th Sunday of Easter

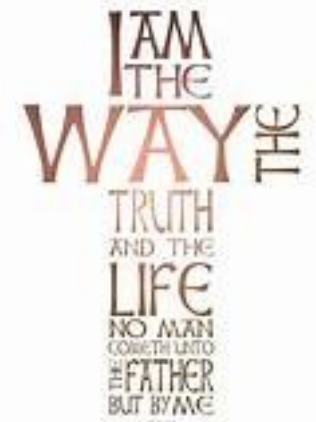
3rd May 2026

Reflection

'Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.'

Corrie ten Boom had plenty of cause for worry over the course of her lifetime. During World War II, she, along with her father and sister, provided a refuge in their home for a number of Jewish friends, playing a pivotal role in the Dutch 'underground' who sheltered Jews. Their home was eventually raided and the entire family arrested, her father dying in prison and her sister in a concentration camp. Corrie was sent to a series of camps but was released, and afterwards told her story in a book called *The Hiding Place*.

Corrie's heart must have been troubled, often, but her strong faith sustained her and became the lens through which she viewed her life story: 'Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only he can see.' The majority of us will never have to deal with as desperate a situation as Corrie's. But we have our own anxieties, whether big or small. None of us knows how the future is going to turn out, and that is precisely why we tend to worry. In today's Gospel Thomas frets: 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' But Jesus has reassuring words. 'I am the way.' Hand in hand with Jesus, we can walk the road ahead.



## 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:** Bridget (Bridie) Byrne (née Murphy) of Essex & formerly of Ardough who died recently.

### Anniversaries for 03 May 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):**

**Doonane (8pm):** Faye Cheasty, Glasgow

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

**Arles (10am):** Patrick & Kathleen Bolton

**Mayo (11.30am):** Michael Moore, Monavea

### Anniversaries for 10 May 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):** Paul Davis

**Doonane (8pm):** Rowena Buggy

Edward & Alice O'Reilly

**Killeen (9am):** Joe Mahon (6th Anniversary)

Edward & Margaret Warren

**Arles (10am):**

**Mayo (11.30am):**

☩ Eternal rest grant unto them, ☩ Lord

## Ballylinan Ballyadams Community Employment Scheme

Vacancies April / May 2026

Contact Supervisor 087 2232515 for more info.

Environmental Worker, Barrowhouse Community Association – Ref: CES-2443068. Environmental Worker, St Anne's Church & ABK Centre, Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2418361. Environmental Worker, Ballylinan Village – Ref: CES-2418359. Environmental worker, Ballylinan Cemetery – Ref: CES244109. Maintenance/Cleaner, Killeen Hall & Playground – Ref: CES-2418357. Maintenance/Cleaner, Luggacurren – Ref: CES-2418353. Environmental Worker, Ballyadams Church – Ref: CES-2418352. Environmental Worker, Kellyville – Ref: CES-2418376

## Arles Doonane Parish Office



(083) 8765 800

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## Pilgrimage to Lodi Italy for the 27th International Columban Meeting



Bishop Denis will lead a Pilgrimage from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin to Lodi in Italy this July to participate in the 27th International Columban Meeting.

Taking place from Friday July 3rd to Monday July 6th 2026, the international gathering forms part of a long-standing annual European tradition honouring Columbanus, the 6th century Irish missionary monk born in the shadow of Mount Leinster near Myshall, County Carlow, whose influence extended across Ireland and mainland Europe. For information and details contact For further information or to book, contact Tully's Travel, Carlow at 059-9136100 or visit

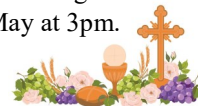
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## Mass of Thanksgiving for Blessed John Sullivan

Clongowes Wood College on Sunday 10th May at 3pm.

All are very welcome.



## Carlow Choral Society

Our upcoming performance of Mendelssohn's Elijah with the RTE Concert Orchestra will take place on Friday 12th June at 7.30 pm in Carlow Cathedral.



**Open Day for September 2026 Courses** at Athy Further Education and Training Centre. Drop in for information on our full and part-time courses on Wednesday the 13th, 20th and 27th May from 10am to 12pm. For additional information please contact Rachel Doyle on 059 8632044 at Further Education and Training Centre, Carlow Road, Athy. Co Kildare. [www.athyfetc.ie](http://www.athyfetc.ie) or email us at [infoathy@kwetb.ie](mailto:infoathy@kwetb.ie).

## Knock Pilgrimage to Pray for Peace in the Holy Land

People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday May 16, for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. The pilgrimage – organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need – will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Bethlehem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am, and celebrate Mass at 3pm. All are welcome. More information at [www.acnireland.org](http://www.acnireland.org)



## 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](http://Jobsireland.ie) or you can contact MDCE Project CLG directly on 056 4442711 or email us at [mdceproject@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Additional CE Position Required

We are hoping to create a position for someone eligible for the CE Scheme to attend to the grounds of Arles Church. If you are interested, or if you know of anyone who may be interested in this position, please contact MDCE Project CLG directly on 056 4442711 or email us at [mdceproject@gmail.com](mailto:mdceproject@gmail.com)

## Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

## Alzheimer's Tea Day

St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan

Tuesday May 5th

10am — 1pm

Collections also in Centra, Ballylinan and Skinners.

Your support would be appreciated.

