

**First reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles



Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

**Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in

the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



ARLES DOONANE PARISH  
**NEWSLETTER**

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

6th Sunday of Easter

10th May 2026

St Teresa's prayer is popular -

*Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks, with compassion on this world.*

*Yours are the feet with which he walks to*

*do good.*

*Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, you are his eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes through which he looks, with compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

**Christ Alive**

Jesus speaks in the gospel about being still alive even after his death. Mostly we find Jesus alive in the love of others. There is an energy of love which is connected to the energy of God, for God is love. There are times we find God close to us in prayer; but where we sense him alive mostly is in the ordinary and extraordinary loves of every day, in marriage, family, friendship and care for others.

Many of us do not realise that in this way we have been Christ-bearers. In listening to another, in care of all sorts, in putting ourselves out for the other, in working for justice and for peace the Spirit of God is alive and people are touched by God's love through the cooperation of ordinary men and women.

*Lord, make our love cheerful and kind. Let us know always that human love reflects your love.*

Donal Neary SJ



JOHN 15:9-17



## 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 10 May 2026

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

Tess McDonald, Carlow Rd., (20th Anniversary)

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

Edward & Alice O'Reilly

Michael Barry, Doonane Hill

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

Edward & Margaret Warren

**Arles (10am):**

**Mayo (11.30am):** Thomas Brennan, Garrendenny

Ann Coonan, Gowran

William Kavanagh Jones

### Anniversaries for 17 May 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):** Sheila Flood, Months Mind

Brian McElroy, (4th Anniversary) & deceased members of the McElroy & O'Hearne families

**Doonane (8pm):**

**Killeen (9am):** Jim (James) McDonald, Tierernan (3rd Anniversary)

**Arles (10am):**

**Mayo (11.30am):**

☩ Eternal rest grant unto them, ☩ Lord

## Arles Doonane Parish Office

(083) 8765 800

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

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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

[www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) or [www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway](http://www.carlowtourism.com/thecolumbanway)



## Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sunday 7th June 2026, ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

## 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

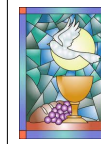
## Centenary Mass

Mass will be celebrated in Carlow Cathedral on Thursday May 21st at 7pm for living and deceased employees of Irish Sugar Carlow on this it's 100th Anniversary.



*After Mass Refreshments will be served in the 7 Oaks Hotel, Carlow to which former employees and their partners are invited.*

Info Pat 0861657435

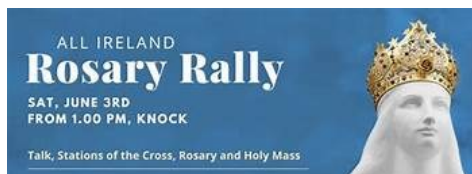


We wish all our First Communion children the very best as they make their First Holy Communion in the parish over the next couple of weeks.

## Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Invitation to Consultative Meetings during May and June 2026



For over 125 years, members of the PTAA have been praying daily for temperance and sobriety. In late 2025, the new constitution was passed, making way for the PTAA to move to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). As this new phase of the Association starts, we are keen to meet with members throughout Ireland to consult, to listen and to take action. For more information please visit <https://www.pioneers.ie/consultation> for details of meetings in your area and an online Zoom meeting if unable to attend in person.



## Fundraiser for Carlow Alzheimer's

### Bethany House Day Care

Anne McDarby (Carlow) is Walking Cork City 10Km on 31st May 2026



for Carlow Alzheimer's Bethany House Day Care Carlow.

Please go to [idonate.ie/fundraiser/annemcdarby](http://idonate.ie/fundraiser/annemcdarby) to support.

## Additional CE Position Required

CE

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)



## 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.



## Divine Mercy & Family Tree Healing Mass



in St. Abban's Church, Doonane R93AT86 on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm. Celebrant Fr. John Walsh. Prayers at 7pm. A petition box available on the night.

*All welcome.*