

**First reading**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles



In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

**Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord



**Reflection**



I asked a lady once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said 'if he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus – he is here and there. The risen lord has moved on. But not fully so that he has left us. Even though he has gone in a certain way, he is still among us. His Spirit dwelling in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. We will never see him in the skies...his body now is the church and that's us – the man of heaven and the God of earth.

**We are Christ's**

Before we are any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptised

into the church of Christ; we live out our faith in different denominations, unfortunately. Today is the feast of the whole church – we begin in him and end in him. The renewal of our faith comes through living with Jesus, partners in our mission. And in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body. His life embodies the good and the evil – we note the two Thursdays – holy Thursday the day he suffered, he was the servant, the one who gave himself for all time. Ascension used be on a Thursday – the other Thursday of joy. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven. Encouraging the good and overcoming the evils and sin of society and of each of us. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

**Donal Neary SJ**



## 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 17 May 2026

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

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

Regina Bailey (11th Anniversary)

Willie & Bridie Kaye

**Doonane (8pm):** Mary Ellen Campbell, Newtown

John & Anne Kealy, & great grand daughter Lisa O'Shea, Kilgorey

Margaret & Thomas Brennan

Catherine Brennan Sothern

**Killeen (9am):** Sean Connolly (2nd Anniversary)

Jim (James) McDonald, Tierernan (3rd Anniversary)

**Arles (10am):**

**Mayo (11.30am):**

### Anniversaries for 24 May 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):** Michael Loughman

Maureen & Joe Mulhaire

**Doonane (8pm):** James Walsh

Michael Delaney, Newtown Bog

**Killeen (9am):** John & Betty Byrne

**Arles (10am):** Mary McDonald, Tennisrath

Bridget Nolan

John Browne (40th Anniversary) formerly The Rushes & Milltown

**Mayo (11.30am):** Eamonn, Josie & Jimmy Nolan, Monavea

Michael Brennan, Ardough (25th Anniversary)

☞ Eternal rest grant unto them, ☞ Lord



*A big well done to all the boys and girls from Ballylinan NS and Killeen NS, who made their First Holy Communion this weekend in the parish.*

*They were great!*

*Many thanks to all who helped them reach this special day in their young lives and may the Lord's blessing be with them always.*



### 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.*

## KNOCK

### 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

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



### 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.



**ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITION?**

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a FREE, Online 7week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few.

There are spaces available for the Online Programme due to start in early June.

To book your place please contact:

Aine 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 or Elaine 041 6860710 / 087 4308735

(Closing date for registration is Friday 5th June)



### Pray for Life Novena

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@prayforlifenovena](https://instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.



### Crettyard Ladies GFC

#### Results

Crettyard 2-6

St. Josephs 2-19

U16 League: Crettyard/Ballinakill beaten by St. Josephs

Crettyard/Ballinakill 5-15

St. Conleths 1-3

U12: Crettyard/Ballinakill beat St. Brigids

#### Fixtures - May

14th U14 v St. Brigids at 6.30pm, Away

22nd U12 v St. Conleths at 6.30pm, Home



### The Dublin Welsh Male Choir

Will perform in the Church of our Lady and St Joseph, Prosperous on Sunday 21st June at 7.30pm. Tickets are €25 and available from Prosperous Parish Office or Prosperous Dramatic Society Eventbrite page.

