

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus



With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: To you be glory and praise for evermore.

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace

will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

The Most Holy Trinity

31st May 2026

Fullness of Love

A popular expression tells us that "Two is company, three is a crowd". But the gospel would have it otherwise, for there, the figure three symbolises completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the story of our Lord. His life itself constantly reflected the Trinity. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem – the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Christ was a storyteller par excellence and three figures prominently in his parables. The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Samaritan tells of the behaviour of three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain, yielding three different levels of harvest. The end of his life, as the beginning, has again the three motif. During his Passion, Peter denied him thrice. On the road to Calvary, he fell three times. The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.



God is love, as St John so powerfully stated. And in God there are Three Persons, the loving Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each



other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should be always creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

Liam Swords



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: John Gleeson, Carlow Road, Ballylinan who's Requiem Mass took place in Ballylinan during the week.
Hannah Burke, Ardenteggle who died during this past week

Anniversaries for 31 May 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Tom Brennan
Pauline Moore (5th Anniversary)
May & Joe Monaghan

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Mayo (11.30am): William Rice, Kilgorey
Murt Brennan, Massford
Eugene O'Brien, Carlow

Anniversaries for 07 June 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Betty Kealy
Eamon Byrne, Gracefield
Jimmy Farrell
John Murphy

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): Lorraine Dunne

Arles (10am): Jim & Ned McDonald, Ashfield

Mayo (11.30am): Honor Kennedy, Tolerton
(2nd Anniversary)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

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 next Sunday, 7th June. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.



Safeguarding

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Irish Cancer Society Volunteer Drivers



The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the Carlow and Laois area, and we are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St James' Hospital and the Mater Hospital in Dublin. Gifting your time means that cancer patients will have comfortable (one on one) transport to attend appointments for their lifesaving treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

St. Pio's Glove

St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy on Sat 13th June at 11am - 5pm.



All welcome.

Sick and Housebound

Fr. Pdraig will call to the Sick & Housebound of the parish this coming Friday (5th June)

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



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.



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 for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and [@prayforlifenovena](https://www.instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.



A huge thank you to all for your contributions in Centra and Maxol which has gone towards flowers for Ballylinan village. Thanks also to Jenny and the CE project for all their work planting them. As the weather is beautiful, watering is essential so if you have a planter full of flowers outside your homes over the weekend, it would be much appreciated if you could water them.

