

# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

## First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah



Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

## Second Reading

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself

considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord



# ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st June 2026

## A Reflection



The readings for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time are a call to trust in God. Although our circumstances can be unsettling or frightening, God is always caring for us. The first reading Jeremiah trusts in the Lord even though he is being plotted against. The psalm expresses hope that God will hear our prayers in times of distress. The second reading reminds us that Jesus rescued us even though we are sinners. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us "Fear no one" and that we are loved and cared for by God.

**Perseverance in the face of opposition:** The first reading from Jeremiah portrays the challenges and opposition that the prophet faced in fulfilling his calling. Despite the persecution, Jeremiah remained steadfast in his faith and trust in God. This theme encourages believers to persevere in their faith, even when confronted with adversity or opposition.

**Trust in God's faithfulness:** Jeremiah exemplifies unwavering trust in God's faithfulness and protection, recognizing God as a "dread warrior." This emphasizes reliance on God's strength during difficulties. The Gospel stresses trust in God's providential care, assuring disciples of His awareness and urging trust in His guidance, care, and protection.

**Fear and courage:** The Gospel reading from Matthew addresses fear and courage in the context of proclaiming the message of Christ. Jesus reassures His disciples not to fear those who oppose them but to trust in God's providence and protection. This theme encourages believers to overcome fear and rely on the courage that comes from faith in God.

**God's care for individuals:** The Gospel reading further emphasizes the value that God places on each individual. Jesus affirms that God's care extends even to the smallest details of His creation. This theme reminds believers of their worth in God's eyes and reassures them of His intimate knowledge and care for them.

## 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 21 June 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):**

**Doonane (8pm):** Margaret Brophy (2nd Anniversary)

Tommy & Kathleen Knowles, Turra

**Killeen (9am):** Johnny Byrne

Mary Coll, Shrule and Sheila Breheny, Dewsbury

**Arles (10am):**

**Mayo (11.30am):**

### Anniversaries for 28 June 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):**

**Doonane (8pm):**

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):**

**Mayo (11.30am):**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



## Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



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Opening Hours: Tuesday & Friday morning (10am-1pm)



## MDCE PROJECT CLG

Community Employment Scheme Vacancies available

Killeshin Soccer CES-2439911

Oisín Park CES-2439913

Office Admin CES-2439912

Parish CES-2444944

St Abbans Athletics CES-2444945

Anyone interested in a position the application is available on Jobsireland.ie or you can contact MDCE Project CLG directly on 056 4442711 or email us at 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.



## Lotto Results

### 17th June 2026

Winning Numbers

12 14 28 30

Jackpot €1,100

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - M&D Brennan

Lucky Dip €20 - Ollie Jones

Lucky Dip €20 - John Purcell

Lucky Dip €20 - Katelyn Kelly

Next Weeks Jackpot €1,150



## Crettyard Ladies GFC

The very best of luck to our U14s in the league final on Sunday 28th June v Portlaoise, venue and time TBC.

Please keep an eye on social media for confirmation of venue and time.



## St Bridget's Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026

Three day pilgrimages: Friday 3rd July - Sunday 5th July and Thursday 13th August - Saturday 15th August; Bus departs:

Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth, Mulhuddart. To book your place telephone: Joe 0873815887/ Deirdre 0872467594 email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

One day of prayer in honour of St Carlo Acutis: Sunday 6th September; Bus departs: Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth, M3 Parkway. To book your place Telephone / Text Deirdre 0872467594/ Email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

## JOB VACANCY



## Arles NS School Caretaker

Part-time Caretaker required for Arles

National School.

4 hours per week.

Relevant experience and an understanding of health and safety required. The position is subject to Garda Vetting of the successful candidate.

Applications (CV and cover letter) by post to: Chairperson, Arles NS, Ballickmoyler, Co. Laois by Friday 3rd of July.



## Dates for your Diary

### Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Mayo - Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm

Ballylinan - Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm

Doonane - Tuesday 7th July at 7.30pm

Killeen - Wednesday 8th July at 7.30pm

Killabban - Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm

Arles - Friday 10th July at 7.30pm

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Please Note: No morning mass in Arles on these dates



## Graduation Ceremony

Best wishes to the 6th Class children in Arles NS who celebrate their graduation from Primary School. We wish them the very best as they continue their studies next September in Secondary school.

Graduation Ceremony - Mon. 1.30pm



## Best wishes to

Laura Kay & Hugh Kelly recently married in St. Mary's Church, Mayo.

We wish them many happy years together.

