



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the second book of Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading

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

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th June 2026

Reflection



Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many

in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

A prayer for all who may need to travel— to work, for leisure, or who are on holidays:

Prayer for the Journey

Gracious God, in whom we live and move and have our being, be with us throughout the course of this journey, so that under your protecting hand, we may reach our destination in safety, through Jesus, the Christ, our

Lord.

Amen.



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: Carmel Behan, Tiereran who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 28 June 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Sr. Bridget Kealy

Michael John Kehoe and his wife Kathleen

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Frank Feehan (2nd Anniversary)

Nicholas & Kathleen Maher, The Strand, also their son James & daughter Eileen

Mayo (11.30am):

Anniversaries for 05 July 2026

Ballylinan (7pm):

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): Billy & Mary Kelly, Coolenaugh

Arles (10am): Paddy Kennedy, Arles (Months Mind)

Mayo (11.30am): Mary, Charles & Michael Quinn Gurtahile

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)

Congratulations of our new Eucharist Ministers for St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan, who were recently commissioned. We wish them a fulfilling ministry serving our faith community.



Many thanks to Margaret for training and preparing our Ministers for this special role.

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.

For bookings: Joe 0873815887/ Deirdre 087 2467594 or email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with Online Delivery

ATU St Angelas is inviting applications for the following programme beginning Autumn 2026:

The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation team and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Friday 14th August 2026.

For further information contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, Education Department, ATU St Angelas, Lough Gill, Sligo.

Email: mary.kearns@atu.ie or visit www.atu.ie



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

23rd June 2026

Winning Numbers

6 12 25 29

Jackpot €1,150

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Martin Patterson

Lucky Dip €20 - Jonah Kelly

Lucky Dip €20 - Kiera Buggy

Lucky Dip €20 - Brian O'G'Sullivan

Next Weeks Jackpot €1,200

ACCORD Carlow



We offer counselling in Carlow at St Catherine's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and we have two upcoming Marriage Preparation courses in September and November in Carlow. Please contact carlow@accord.ie or phone 086 4149034 for more details.



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 this coming Thursday (2nd July) and Friday (3rd July) to accommodate the Graveyard/Cemetery Masses.

