

# TODAY'S MASS READINGS



## First reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

## Second Reading

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ.

The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord



# ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7th June 2026

## A REFLECTION ON CORPUS CHRISTI

What does Corpus Christi mean to me? It does not only bring the liturgy to mind; for me, it is a day on which heaven and earth work together.

In my mind's eye it is the time when spring is turning into summer; the sun is high in the sky, and crops are ripening in field and meadow. The Church's feasts make present the mystery of Christ, but Jesus Christ was immersed in the faith of the people of Israel and so, arising from this background in Israel's life, the Christian feasts are also involved with the rhythm of the year, the rhythm of seedtime and harvest. How could it be otherwise in a liturgy which has at its centre the sign of bread, fruit of earth and heaven? Here this fruit of the earth, bread, is privileged to be the bearer of him in whom heaven and earth, God and man have become one.



The way the Church's feasts fit in with the seasons of the year is therefore not an accident. Consequently we must go on to discover the inner rhythm of the Church's year and see the place Corpus Christi has within it.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)



## 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:** Paddy Kennedy, Arles who died during this past week.

### 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

Christy Rowan, Tolerton

**Mayo (11.30am):** Honor Kennedy, Tolerton

(2nd Anniversary)

### Anniversaries for 14 June 2026

**Ballylinan (7pm):** Martin Kinsella

**Doonane (8pm):**

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):**

**Mayo (11.30am):** Elizabeth Tunstead

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



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## 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

### 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)

## 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. Gift-ing 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](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).

**CROCHTA - ARD**  
**CRETTYARD LOTTO RESULTS**  
THIS WEEK'S NUMBERS  
**01 16 17 18**  
NO JACKPOT WINNER  
LUCKY DIP WINNERS:  
✓ Patrick Rowan  
✓ Eugenie Wheatley Kelly  
✓ Ann Wheatley  
✓ Chloe Bolger  
NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT **€1,050**

## MDCE PROJECT CLG

Community Employment Scheme Vacancies available

Killeslin 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](http://Jobsireland.ie) or you can contact MDCE Project CLG directly on 056 4442711 or email us at [mdceproject@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Prayer Before an Examination



Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value



Is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we

can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied

and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and clam, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen

## Safeguarding

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