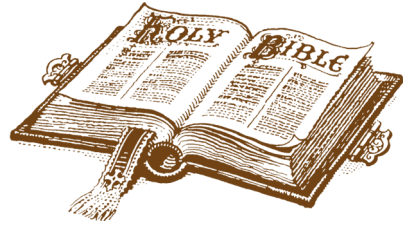


TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Second Reading

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only crea-

tion, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2026

Gospel Reflection



A story about people trying to do good and not much often comes from it: one mother said, 'I hope I'll see some of my children at the altar again before I die'; a football trainer – 'I wish we won matches when he was in school' – but the fruit of all the hours came later when he scored goals for the county!

The Fruit of Effort

A big point of this story is about the fruits – 30, 60, 100 fold. When we work at love or faith, the deeper things of life, something good happens.

We try to hand on faith in the family and school situations. Sometimes you feel you see little for your work. Or love – the same. Or you give time to the family in many ways and see little for the return of love.

Love Always Bears Fruit

The consoling point of the story – you never know when you will get fruit. Love given is never lost. Like dropping something into the river, you never

know where it will end up. Love given to children in the family may bear fruit in the next generation. We never know.

Part of life is trial and effort. Jesus was the same. He threw out love like the sower throws out the seed. He knows it may fall on harsh ground. But he gives it anyway. He gave love on Calvary to everyone. God is like that. It may take years to flower. God doesn't stint the seed, nor does he stint love.

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 12 July 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Margaret Davis & Andrew Brennan

Bridget Nolan, Oldcourt (3rd anniversary)

Doonane (8pm): Martin Kirwan

Killeen (9am): Martin Whelan, Greenlawns, Hollymount

Lily Byrne, Grange

John Oglesby, Anneville, Shrute & Elkesley, England

Arles (10am): Margaret Kenna (1st Anniversary)

Michael Kane, Tennisrath

Mayo (11.30am): Michael, Mary & William Brennan, Ardough

Anniversaries for 19 July 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Ann O'Meara

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): Carmel Behan, Tierernane

(Months Mind)

Arles (10am): Eileen & Willie Keightley & their daughter Brid Scanlan

Mayo (11.30am): Kevin Tunstead

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



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Opening Hours: Tuesday & Friday morning (10am-12pm)

Divine Mercy & Family Tree Healing Mass



in St. Abban's Church, Doonane R93AT86 on Monday 20th July at 7.30pm. Celebrant Fr. John Walsh. Prayers at 6.30pm. A petition box available on the night.

All welcome.



Relics and Exhibition of St Thérèse of Lisieux at Carmelite Friary Church, Kildare

There will be an Exhibition on St Thérèse of Lisieux in Carmel Hall from 15th to 16th July 2026. The Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16th July will be celebrated by Fr Simon Nolan O.Carm, Provincial of the Irish Carmelites.

Venue: Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare, R51 K379

All are welcome to attend.

Ballylinan Ballyadams CE Scheme



Vacancies July/August 2026

Contact Supervisor 087 2232515 for more info.

Environmental Worker, Barrowhouse Community Association – Ref: CES-2450572

Maintenance/Cleaner, Luggacurren – Ref: CES-2418353;

Environmental Worker, Ballyadams Church – Ref: CES-2418352;

Environmental Worker, Kellyville – Ref: CES-2418376;

Maintenance/Cleaner, Killeen Hall & Playground – Ref: CES-2418357;

Environmental Worker, St Anne's Church & ABK Centre, Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2418361;

Environmental Worker, Ballylinan Village – Ref: CES-2418359;

Environmental worker, Ballylinan Cemetery – Ref CES244109

Recovery College Southeast

Are running four short, practical workshops every Tuesday in July, 10:30am – 12:30pm via Zoom:

7th July – Challenging Unhelpful Thinking Patterns

14th July – Dealing With Worry

21st July – Creating Healthy Habits

28th July – Let's Talk Procrastination

All workshops are free, open to everyone, and can be attended individually or as a series.

Contact: info@recoverycollegesoutheast.com or call 086 1746330.

St Bridget's Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026



Three-day pilgrimages: 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

Catholic Grandparents Association – National Pilgrimage to Knock

Takes place on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 26th July. Commencing at 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick, chief celebrant is Archbishop Eamon Martin. Celebrate the 25th National Grandparents Pilgrimage and the Golden Jubilee of the Knock Basilica with a memorable, faith filled day of prayer, thanksgiving and blessing for grandparents, the elderly and all families.



“Every adversity brings new experiences and new lessons.”

~ LG Akita ~

Crettyard Ladies GFC



U14 league final was postponed until September.

Congratulations to Crettyard GAA on winning both senior and junior leagues last week.

Results

•U12s beat Sarsfields

•U8s and U10s had a great blitz last Saturday v Killeslin in Ballinakill. Well done to everyone involved.

July Fixtures

10th U12 v Ballyfin @6.30, Crettyard

16th U14 v Conleths @6.30, Crettyard

17th U12 v Killeslin @6.30, Killeslin

Lotto Results

Winning Numbers

15 17 18 28

Jackpot €1,250

Jackpot - No Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Veronica Wheatley

Lucky Dip €20 - Alice Rowan

Lucky Dip €20 - Mary Wheatley

Lucky Dip €20 - Kathleen O'Reilly

Next Weeks Jackpot €1,300



Safeguarding

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Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



A word of thanks to all who organised our graveyard masses over the past two weeks. Having so many people kind enough to help out made the ceremonies all the more special.

Fr. Padraig