

TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna,

the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd August 2026



In today's gospel Jesus poses a question for the disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" It is a question that is put to every believer in succeeding generations. Peter's inspired answer, as distinct from mere opinion, as Jesus points out, prompts all who have found faith in Jesus to a growing understanding of who he is and the life he offers the believer.

"You are the Christ the Son of the living God", Peter answers. What exactly that means is something to be pondered in the living of one's life, facing the questions that life poses for every person. The Holy Spirit continues to reveal that it is in Jesus, life's deepest yearning for meaning finds a true starting point. Jesus said elsewhere "I have come that you may have life and life to the full".

For all who are in search of meaning, there is no better setting out point than looking to Jesus, reflecting on his words,

his deeds as recounted in the Gospels and in the lives of those who have truly found life in him, throughout the ages.



The question that Jesus posed for the disciples, offers a good place to start, for believer and searcher alike. The disciples were searching for meaning. Their search was not so much a search for a philosophy of life. It was a search for authentic life, which they had come to recognise in Jesus. They found life in his words in the ways he lived his humanity in the service of God, his Father, and in the people he so openly met and welcomed. His friendship led them to explore their own lives at the deepest level of their existence. He invites each person, who looks to him, to live the adventure of life in the same authentic ways, ready to escape the passing things of life, which stunt the emergence of our true selves.

Fr. Mill MSC



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 23 August 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Eileen Kaye

Doonane (8pm): Tommy & Martin Nash

Thomas & Margaret Brennan & Catherine Brennan Sothorn

Liam Duggan (3rd Anniversary)

Killeen (9am): Ellen Byrne

Arles (10am): Tadhg O'Donovan (25th Anniversary)

Mayo (11.30am): Eileen Lawlor (Months Mind)

Anniversaries for 30 August 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): John & Joanna Doyle

Michael & Judy Shortall

Doonane (8pm): Mary Kealy, Kilgorey

William Condron, Hollypark, Crettyard

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Sadie Conway, Farnans

Mayo (11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MAYO



200TH ANNIVERSARY

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR OUR CHURCH AND FOR
THOSE WHO WORSHIPPED THERE OVER THE CENTURIES

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026



11.30AM

MAIN CELEBRANT: BISHOP DENIS NULTY

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTERWARDS

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND



Lotto Results

Winning Numbers

1 9 15 21

Jackpot €600

No Jackpot Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Geraldine Fennelly

Lucky Dip €20 - Mia Kearney

Lucky Dip €20 - Betty McSweeney

Lucky Dip €20 - Máire Fleming

Next Weeks Jackpot €650

“There is no saint without a past, no sinner
without a future.”

~ St Augustine (351-430) ~

Feast day: Friday 28th August.

Whist Drive

In Arles Hall every Thursday Night
8.30pm



K&L Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Day

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27.

Find peace in a day of Prayer and Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Rev. Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen and Ms Mary Connolly.

Location: Mount St. Anne's, Portarlington.
(R32 WN59)



Date: Sat. 29th Aug. 9.30am - 4.00pm. Concludes with Holy Mass 3pm

Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30 - 1.15. Cost €25.00. Booking Essential. Call or Text with name and number of companions Barbara Kinsella



St Bridget's Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026

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: Deirdre 0872467594

Or Email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

MDCE PROJECT CLG

Community Employment Scheme Vacancies available

Killeslin Soccer CES-2463477, Oisín Park CES-2463478, Parish CES-2463474, St Abbans Athletics CES-2463479

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 mdceproject@gmail.com

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

St Joseph Men's Camino



Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one. Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda.

The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr. Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

Arles N.S.



Arles N.S. reopens on Thursday 27th August at 9.30am. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, and a special welcome to the new Junior Infants starting.



Scoil Rince Elgar



Scoil Rince Elgar is running Beginner Irish Dance classes in Arles Parish Hall, every Wednesday at 6pm from August 26th and in Ballinabranna Parish Hall, every Thursday at 6pm from August 27th, new dancers welcome. For more information contact Kayleigh on 085 8847098.



Arles Doonane Parish Office

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Opening Hours: Tuesday 10am - 1pm & Friday 10am - 1pm

Please contact the Office if you require an Anniversary Mass booking, a copy of a Baptismal Certificate or if you wish to book a Baptism or Wedding in the Parish.

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