

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel



The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody

thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September 2026

Gospel Reflection

He talked the talk but didn't walk the walk. A good way of looking at the people of the gospel today. We all want more than talk. We look for integrity in our lives and in the lives of others. We are unhappy with hypocrisy; we can excuse and forgive weakness and sin, but find it hard to live with acceptable double standards. We criticise corruption in church and state, and expect our leaders to do what they say. We want it also in ourselves.

Deeds Not Words

St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, says that love is proved in deeds not words. This statement, obvious and simple, comes at the end of his Spiritual Exercises, where a person has prayed on the life of Jesus and his or her own life for thirty days. St John of the Cross says that in the evening of life we will be judged on love. Jesus in this story seems to accept that we will not always do good willingly. It takes time to build up good habits and ways of behaviour. He would prefer that we do good unwillingly than do nothing at all. This is spiritual and human realism.

Learning and Doing

We learn to do good by doing good; we

learn integrity by doing our best to live with integrity. We teach young people to do good by encouraging them in their efforts in being good. The best lessons in life are learned and taught, by practice and by prayer.

Christian commitment is walking with Jesus. It is being in the world like Jesus, bringing his attitudes of compassion and justice with us. It is in trying to effect the world as he did.

Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as in heaven.

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 27 September 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Julia McEvoy

Maureen & Jimmy Doyle, their daughter Mary & son Liam & deceased members of the Doyle family, Carlow Road.

Doonane (8pm): Patrick Lynskey, Wolfhill

John, Jamie & Paul Hennessy

Killeen (9am): Breda Byrne (1st Anniversary) & her daughter Peggy Lennon (7th Anniversary)

Martin & Mary Byrne & their son Martin

Tony Coll, Anneville, Shrute

Arles (10am): Ann Mahon (100th Anniversary)

Moirá O'Sullivan Lennon (100th Birthday Remembrance)

Ann E. Conroy (13th Anniversary)

Mayo (11.30am): Patrick Lawlor

Anniversaries for 04 October 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Nan Julian & her husband Patrick

Michael & Mary Condron

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): Denis Byrne, The Forge

Arles (10am):

Mayo (11.30am): 200th Anniversary

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



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



Season of Creation 2026

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this world wide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year's theme is "Living Water". See www.seasonofcreation.org to access all the materials.



Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

MDCE PROJECT CLG

Community Employment Scheme Vacancies available

Killeslin Soccer CES-2463477

Oisín Park CES-2463478

Parish CES-2463474

St Abbans Athletics CES-2463479

Arles CES-2466585 & CES-2466586

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 contact the CE Office.

St. Mary's Church, Mayo

200th Anniversary

Mass of Thanksgiving for our Church and for those who worshipped there over the centuries

Next Sunday, 4th October 2026 at 11.30am

Refreshments served afterwards

All welcome to attend



Sick and Housebound

Fr. Padraig will call to the Sick & Housebound of the parish this coming Friday (2nd October)

If you wish to be added to those who are attended monthly, please ring the Parish Office with your details (083) 8765 800.



Ardough National School

Open Day

Wednesday 30th September

1.45pm—2.30pm

Children aged 3-5 and parents welcome



Ardough National School

Quiz Night

Sheerin's Bar, The Ridge (R93 W642)

Friday 16th October at 8pm

€40 per table of 4

Raffle on the night in aid of the school

Kildare Carmelites to celebrate St Thérèse with Triduum and relic veneration

The Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town, will celebrate a Triduum in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux from September 28–30, followed by her feast day on Thursday, October 1, 2026. The celebrations mark the 25th anniversary of the visit of her relics to Ireland in 2001.

Each evening of the Triduum, the Third Order Carmelites will lead the Rosary at 5pm, followed by Mass.

Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate a special feast-day Mass on October 1 at 7pm, with veneration continuing until 9.30pm. Blessed roses will be available.

The Carmelite community warmly invites everyone to join these days of prayer, inspired by St Thérèse's "Little Way" of trust in God and love in everyday life.

Further information, 083 090 4124.

