

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or

seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2026

Feast of St. Francis (4 October)

St. Francis of Assisi was a man well known for his simplicity of life, commitment to the poor, humility and love for all God's creatures, great and small. Saint Francis reached out to those who were poor and marginalised and also to non-human creatures because of his recognition of the interconnectedness of all creation.

We pray that we might mirror the actions of St. Francis, choosing instead to live simply and humbly as respectful stewards of creation.

Prayer



Loving God, help us to find ways to live the wisdom of St. Francis of Assisi. Give us the gift of simplicity that we may be able to concentrate on you above all else. Teach us humility in our relationships with the earth and its beings.

Help us to understand poverty as the emptying of ourselves for the sake of love for our neighbour. Let the joy of St. Francis transform our own way of seeing the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Creation Prayer Service for the Feast of St. Francis
(Trócaire)



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: PJ Hickey, Carlow Rd, Ballylinan who died during the past week.

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 Celebrations

Anniversaries for 11 October 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): John & Mary Dunne, and their granddaughter, Jude

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Mayo (11.30am): Joseph Hockney (11th Anniv.) and deceased family members

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Arles Doonane Parish Office

(083) 8765 800

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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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

Oisin 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.



Lotto Results

Winning Numbers

1 13 17 28

Jackpot €900

No Jackpot Winner

Lucky Dip €20 - Patricia McDonald

Lucky Dip €20 - Catherine Roe

Lucky Dip €20 - Pa O'Reilly

Lucky Dip €20 - Veronica Wheatley

Next Weeks Jackpot €950

Crettyard GAA Seniors to play Rosenallis in the Senior B final on Saturday, October 10th, at 6:00pm in Rosenallis.



Crettyard Ladies GFC

Results

Intermediate St Paul's beat Crettyard (Relegation Final)

October Fixtures

3rd U16 v Shanahoe @10.00, Ballinakill (County Semi Final)

Leighlin Dementia Friendly Community

We would like to welcome people living with Dementia and their carers to join us on Friday, October 9th, in Leighlin Parish Centre (R93KR83) for a cuppa and a chat, 11.00 am to 12.30pm. Looking forward to meeting you.



Anam Cara Monthly Parent Support Evening

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

St. Mary's Church, Mayo

200th Anniversary



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

This weekend, 4th October 2026 at 11.30am

Refreshments served afterwards

