

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah



Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations

before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and

that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord



ARLES DOONANE PARISH NEWSLETTER

SERVING ARLES, BALLYLINAN, DOONANE, KILLEEN AND MAYO

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th October 2026

Gospel Reflection

My mother used always say - put things where they belong. Newspapers, food, the bicycle not in the hall etc etc. Jesus says the same here - give what belongs to where it belongs.

So Jesus is being asked about taxes and politics and shifts things further. He knows he is being trapped about money. He moves on to higher questions. Something about the answer of Jesus - where do we belong?

Belonging – Control or Love

Belonging can sound heavy - as if we are being controlled. Or our money belongs to us and we can do what we like with it. But for Jesus - it's the belonging of love. Not of power and control.

It may feel like that - life and death, love, creation - many things are not in our control. We are born at God's time and die the same. This reminds us that we are not the masters of our lives, We come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community is that we are God's. God doesn't want to control us but to love us.

God and Each Other

But there's a snag - belonging to God means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. Give to others what belongs to others; give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Our work for

hunger, education etc is not a charity for people; it is justice. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech - it is justice.

To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth! Big statements which by and large only the Christian faith makes.

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 18 October 2026

Ballylinan (7pm):

Doonane (8pm):

Killeen (9am): Mick & Angela Wall, Gurteen

Arles (10am): John Bolger, Ballinagall

Mayo (11.30am): Jimmy Murphy, Monavea

(1st Anniversary)

Lisa Bailey, formerly Garrendenny

Eamon Price

Anniversaries for 25 October 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Frank McCarthy

Doonane (8pm): James Hamilton (1st Anniversary)

Kathleen & John Buggy

Luke & Alice Nash

Killeen (9am): Kathleen Durkin

John & Donal Wall

Leah Walsh

Sheila & Martin Mulhall

Arles (10am): Thomas & Bridget McLoughlin

Mayo (11.30am): Kathleen Brennan, Garrendenny, Crettyard

Kathleen O'Shea, Mooneenroe,

formerly of Garrendenny

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Parish Contact Details

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

Confirmation

Saturday 17th April 2027

11am Ballylinan NS

2pm Arles/Killeen NS

First Holy Communion

Saturday 15th May 2027

11am Newtown NS & Mayo NS

Saturday 22nd May 2027

11am Ballylinan NS

2pm Killeen NS

Sunday 23rd May 2025

10am Arles NS



Carlow Flower Club

Our October/Halloween Demonstration is by Diane Gallagher AOIFA,

Teacher Judge and Demonstrator from Doddervale Flower Club, Tuesday 27th October at 8.00pm Woodford Dolmen Hotel. All arrangements will be raffled on the night. Competition for all classes will be "Autumn Fruits & Berries" a table arrangement.

Visitors welcome, visitors fee €10. There will be a plant sale on the night.



Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing
away:

God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks
nothing;
God alone suffices.

St. Teresa of Avila

Feast Day: 15th October

MDCE PROJECT CLG

Community Employment
Scheme Vacancies available



Killeshin Soccer CES-2463477

Oisín Park CES-2463478

Parish CES-2463474

St Abbans Athletics CES-2463479

Arles CES-2474995

Anyone interested in a position the application is available on [Jobsireland.ie](https://www.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.



Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

The Autumn Dues Collection

The collectors books for the Autumn Dues will be available in the sacristy of each church after mass this weekend for the October station collection.

A sincere word of thanks to all our collectors who facilitate this collection, and to all who support it so generously.

Crettyard Ladies GFC

Congratulations to Crettyard GAA on winning the Senior B County Final. A fantastic achievement for our club and community.

Results

U16 Shanahoe beat Crettyard



October Fixtures

17th Minor v Clonaslee at 4pm, Clonaslee (County Semi Final)

Halloween Customs, Traditions and Games



An evening with historian and speaker Sarah Myers, in Askea Parish Centre, 8:00p.m., Saturday, 24th October 2026.

Admission Free, Numbers Limited, Advance booking essential, Fancy dress optional.

To reserve your place call: 087 7638695 6:00pm to 9:00pm Monday to Friday, before Tuesday 20th October.

Hosted by Carlow Pioneers



Laois Fire & Rescue Services

Are providing Free smoke alarms to support older and vulnerable people in Laois. To register follow the link below. fireadmin@laoiscoco.ie or tel: 0578692168.

