

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading

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

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition

all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October 2026



REFLECTION

A Jesuit colleague of mine was working in the inner-city years ago and was asked did he need help. He said something that remained with me – 'don't come into these good people if you feel angry or guilty. The city has enough angry people, and we don't need your guilt. Come among them only if you love them'.

Two loves, One Love

The gospel today centres the message of Jesus on love; on two loves united in each of us. Love God, love the neighbour – this is the only commandment of Jesus. Without this all we say we do for him, is really done for ourselves.

No law of the church can be above the law of love. No detail of religious observance is above this law of love. Jesus said this and lived it in his life. He never allowed the laws of religion overtake the need for love.

Human starvation took precedence over laws of not working on the Sabbath. Care for the sick takes precedence over Sunday worship. He was put to death because he put himself above the religious details of the people.

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Love speaks to the deepest in us

We want this sort of religion. We admire the people who really give their lives fully to others: in their family, in the neighbourhood and in the wider world. We know love when we see it in action because it speaks to what is deepest in the human heart.

The message of Jesus is all-embracing and covers all our relationships, both the close relationships of marriage, family and friendship, as well as the call to love the wider world, particularly where the needs are great.

Lord Jesus may your kingdom come and may all in our world know the grace of human and divine love.

Donal Neary
SJ.



IN MEMORIAM

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

Sarah & Brian Condron, Grange, Maganey

Arles (10am): Thomas & Bridget McLoughlin

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

Kathleen O'Shea, Mooneenroe, formerly of Garrendenny

Peter Brennan, Slough & Garrendenny

Anniversaries for 01 November 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): P.J. Hickey, Carlow Road (Months Mind)

Doonane (8pm): Seamus Rowan

Killeen (9am): Mary Behan, Tierernane (3rd Anniversary)

Liam & Gloria Cassidy

Michael & Patricia Daly

Arles (10am): Margaret (Peggy) O'Dwyer, Monasterevin

Mayo (11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



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

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Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence

An open meeting hosted by Clane and Rathcoffey Parish on Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence, led by Dr Barry Scannell, will take place on Monday 16th November 2026 at 7.30pm in Clane Parish Hall.



All are welcome.



Sacred Music Workshop – Booking Up Quickly

Bookings for the Diocesan Sacred Music Workshop Day are very busy and we anticipate that the day will be fully booked. Parish choir members can book their place on Eventbrite. Lunch, Diocesan Music Guide and Music Pack can only be provided for booked places.



Abide Women's Conference

November 20-22, the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal.

Speakers include: Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans & more, Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork & Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details and to register please visit Abide in His Love <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF KILLABBAN ICA!

Killabban ICA warmly invites all members, past members, families, friends and supporters to join us as we celebrate a very special milestone — our 60th Anniversary! For 60 years, Killabban ICA has been at the heart of our community, bringing people together through friendship, dedication and community spirit.

Anniversary Mass & Dinner Dance

Friday, 20th November 2026

Anniversary Mass: 6.00pm at St Abban's Church, Killeen

60th Anniversary Dinner Dance: 7.00pm at Killeen Hall

Tickets: €30 per person

During the Mass, we will remember and honour our departed and former members. Family members of past members are warmly invited to light a candle in their memory as we celebrate the friendships and memories that live on.



First Holy Communion

Parents Meeting

A meeting of parents for children (in our six parish schools) intending to receive their First Holy Communion in 2027 will take place in Arles Hall (R93 DF74) at **7pm on Monday 9th November.**



The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers



As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment.

If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. Your generosity not only eases the journey for many during a challenging time but also offers comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Safeguarding

DLP: Michele Hughes, 086-1710643 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Religious Services to attend

Morning Mass: 10am Tuesday – Friday (Arles) **Recitation of the Rosary:** 9.30am Tuesday – Friday (Arles) **Confession:** After 10am Arles Mass (First Friday) **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Mon. 7.30pm-8.30pm (Ballylinan), Tues. 11am-1pm (Killeen) & Wed. 10am-9pm (Doonane)