First Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' The Gospel of the Lord

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1st Nov 2026 ✠ Feast of All Saints

NOVEMBER

A Time to Remember

Our Departed Loved Ones

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16)

Over these next few weeks, we take time to remember our departed family members, loved ones, neighbours and friends. As we do so we reawaken precious memories—happy times spent together. For some of us, and particularly those who are recently bereaved, such an activity can be painful and evoke feelings of great sadness and loss. In such moments the Lord is close to us. He is at our side to gently bless us and

reassure us that our loved ones are at peace and rest in the company of the saints in heaven.

If you are in the habit of visiting the resting place of your loved ones during the next month, this old Irish blessing prayer may be suitable for such an occasion.



Prayer When Visiting a Cemetery

May God bless all the company of souls here,

may God and Mary bless you.

You too spent awhile here just as we are now

and we too will join you soon.

May we all be adorned in the beauty

of the bright King of Heaven.

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Go mbeannaí Dia daoibh, a fhoireann,

go mbeannaí Dia daoibh agus Muire.

Bhí sibhse tamall mar atá sinne,

Beimidne fós mar atá sibhse.

Go rabhaimid go léir fé mhaise

Ag Rí geal na cruinne.



IN MEMORIAM

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):

Anniversaries for 08 November 2026

Ballylinan (7pm): Eamon Kaye

William & Margaret Bambrick, their daughters Mary & Pauline & their son Willie.

Doonane (8pm): Jim & Nellie Doyle, and Purcell Family

Maura Nash, Doonane Tce

Joan Brophy, Doonane Rd (1st Anniv.)

Julia Fox, Doonane Road

Killeen (9am): Carol Miller (8th Anniv.)

Arles (10am): Anna and James Kealy, and their daughter Anita Brennan.

Mayo (11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



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.

Mass for the Instataltion of Two Sacred Icons in Killeen Church

Sunday 22nd November at 9am

Chief celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty

Refreshments afterwards in Killeen Hall

All are welcome.



Mary McHugh Icons

Mary McHugh's mother Martha McHugh (nee McDonald) was born and reared in Grange Road, Maganey. Martha's mother Marcella and father Patrick, her brothers Michael, Harry and Patrick all have their resting place in Killeen Grave Yard as are many close relatives.

Mary is donating two Icons , 'The Annunciation' and 'Mother and Child' to Killeen Church and has considered it a most profound honour that the Parish is accepting these for permanent display in Killeen.

Mary has lived in Switzerland for over 50 years and has trained in Iconography under a Russian expert in Lausanne. Mary created theses Icons using the same type materials, paints and gold leaf as was used during the creation of the original Icons. It is hoped that the generations to follow will enjoy these 'creations' long into the future.

November Dead List

The November Dead List can be renewed during this month by contacting Mairead in the Parish Office (Tues & Fri 10am-1pm) or bring it along to any of our novena masses. November Dead List forms are available in all the churches for your convenience.



Triduum in Honour of St. Martin de Porres

St. Michael's Church, Athy

Sunday 1st Nov Mass at 7.30pm

Monday 2nd Nov Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday 3rd Nov Mass at 7.30pm, with Anointing of the Sick

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF KILLABBAN ICA!

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

Please spread the word and join us in celebrating 60 wonderful years of Killabban ICA! To book your tickets, contact Mary Dunne on 087 069 7617. RSVP by Friday, 30th October 2026.



Sick and Housebound

Fr. Padraig will call to the Sick & Housebound of the parish this coming Friday (6th November)

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

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FUNDRAISER FOR MAYO NATIONAL SCHOOL, CRETTYARD



We are aiming to raise €7,500 to resurface our school wall and would greatly appreciate the support of our local community & friends in helping us reach this important goal.

Our Christmas by Candlelight event promises to be a wonderful festive evening, featuring special performances by Eugene Kavanagh, our school children and some very special guests, all coming together in support of our school and its pupils.

Tickets can be purchased outside Sunday Mass in Mayo Church, at the school, through the Parents' Council, or by contacting Bernie on 087 913 1042.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. We look forward to welcoming you.



Novena of Masses for those on the November Dead List

The novena will begin on Tuesday 10th Nov to Friday 13th Nov at 10am in Arles Church. And in Arles the following week from Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th Nov at 10am.

Youn are welcome to Light a Memorial Candle for your departed family members for the duration of the Novena.



All are welcome

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)