



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

Second Reading

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

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"' "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord



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23rd March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent

Reflection

Every Lent is a new beginning; sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half! We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh, but we know from other Lents that it's hard to keep going, and it's for a long time! We might ask ourselves what Lent is really for.



The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week. We allow ourselves believe in this love. Often it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world; it is given in the mercy and compassion of God.



Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants his kingdom to come now. Lent is our time of saying 'yes' to a partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin.

Pray a bit, read the gospel every day, do something good for another every day – this is the way to share in the saving love of God. Maybe we can ask what our Lent does for others rather than just what we are doing for Lent. It is a time of renewal, then it shows in love, forgiveness and care of others in our lives.

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: Tuesday 11am - 1pm (Killeen) & Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm (Ballylinan)

In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 23 March 2025

Killeen (9am): Jackie (John) Behan (1st Anniversary)

Arles (10am): Tony Kennedy

Michael Mooney, Ashfield

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Months Mind for Fr. O'Shea

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 30 March 2025

Killeen (9am): John, Kathleen & Michael McDonald
James, Annie & Jack Dooley, Grange

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): Mary Barcoe

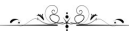
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Pilgrimage to Knock



Bus travelling to Knock from Ballylinan on Sunday 6th of April for The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage. Cost: €25 per seat.

See Church Notice Boards for full details or ring Margaret Brennan on 086 3254931.



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Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord



24 Hours for the Lord is a worldwide initiative begun in 2014 by Pope Francis on the to encourage opportunities for extended periods of Eucharistic Adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, as well as the Sacrament of Confession. It coincides with the weekend of the 4th Sunday of Lent to encourage repentance in preparation for Easter. 24 Hours for the Lord will be marked in the Cathedral Assumption Carlow

Friday 28th: Opening Mass at 7pm. Stations of the Cross 9pm

Saturday 29th: 10am Morning Mass, 12 noon Directed Prayer – Sorrowful Mysteries 3pm Directed Prayer – Divine Mercy

6.15pm Evening Mass/Closing Liturgy

Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the 24 hours except during Mass and hours of Directed Prayer.

Graigucullen Bingo



Tues 25th March St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2260

Double number €810 / Lotto €600

The Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux



And her parents St. Louis & St. Zelig Martin

St. Peter's & Paul's Church, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.

Saturday 22nd March 2025 at 6.30pm Mass with Veneration afterwards.

Sunday 23rd March 2025 at 9.00am and 11.30am Mass with Veneration afterwards.



Ballylinan Ballyadams CE Scheme has the following job vacancies:

Immediate Start: Maintenance/Cleaner, Luggacurren Village, Church & Hall – Ref: CES-2377586

Upcoming Vacancies: Environmental Worker, Ballyadams Church – Ref: CES-2372313; Environmental Worker, Ballylinan Playground - Ref: CES-2377591; Environmental Worker, Kellyville – Ref: CES-2374708; Maintenance/Cleaner, Killeen Hall & Playground – Ref: CES-2377594; Maintenance Person/Cleaner, St Anne's Hall & Church, Ballylinan – Ref: CES-237760; Environmental Worker, St Anne's Church, Ballylinan – Ref: CES-2377588.

Applications on www.jobsireland.ie and enquiries to CE Supervisor 087 2232515.



East Laois Macra are having a vintage car, truck and tractor run, accompanied by a kids tractor run, on the 23rd March in Pedigree Corner, in conjunction with Embrace Farm. This will be followed by food and live music.



Carlow Flower Club



Carlow Flower Club are hosting a garden talk by Mary Keenan on "Preparing your Garden now for Summer Colour". Tuesday 25th March at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Mary is the editor of "The Irish Garden Magazine" and the owner of Gash Gardens in Co. Laois. This is sure to be a most informative night for all those who garden.

Safeguarding

DLP: Ailish Higgins, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Kildare Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage



Kildare Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place Sep 24th to Sept. 29th 2025.

People wishing to travel can avail of our savings club. Monies can be paid in after Sunday masses, 10 & 12 am in the Carmelite church, committee members will be on duty.

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