

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel



The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but every-

body thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first" they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

The Gospel of the Lord



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27th September 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



He talked the talk but didn't walk the walk. A good way of looking at the people of the gospel today. We all want more than talk. We look for integrity in our lives and in the lives of others. We are unhappy with hypocrisy; we can excuse and forgive weakness and sin, but find it hard to live with acceptable double standards. We criticise corruption in church and state, and expect our leaders to do what they say. We want it also in ourselves.

Deeds Not Words

St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, says that love is proved in deeds not words. This statement, obvious and simple, comes at the end of his Spiritual Exercises, where a person has prayed on the life of Jesus and his or her own life for thirty days. St John of the Cross says that in the evening of life we will be judged on love. Jesus in this story seems to accept that we will not always do good willing-

ly. It takes time to build up good habits and ways of behaviour. He would prefer that we do good unwillingly than do nothing at all. This is spiritual and human realism.

Learning and Doing

We learn to do good by doing good; we learn integrity by doing our best to live with integrity. We teach young people to do good by encouraging them in their efforts in being good. The best lessons in life are learned and taught, by practice and by prayer. Christian commitment is walking with Jesus. It is being in the world like Jesus, bringing his attitudes of compassion and justice with us. It is in trying to effect the world as he did.



Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Donal Neary SJ.

In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 26 / 27 Sept

Killeen (9am): **Martin & Mary Byrne
and son Martin
Tony Coll**

Arles (10am): **First Holy Communion**
Ballylinan (8pm): **Robert & Margaret Hutchinson**
(11.30am): **Tom McDonnell (Birthday Rem)**

Anniversaries for 03 / 04 Oct

Killeen (9am): **Denis & Sheila Byrne
Sarah Condon**

Arles (10am): **Ann Elizabeth Conroy
Maureen Mulhall & her husband
Patrick .
Jack Pound**

Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):



The sick and housebound in the parish will be attended on Friday 2nd October.

The Hook of Faith Zoom Conference

The team at 'The Hook of Faith' (www.thehookoffaith.com) are pleased to announce a Zoom Conference for the month of October that focuses on 'EVANGELISING IRISH CULTURE TODAY'. Each session will be led by an expert speaker followed by 10 mins of Q and A. Each session will begin at 8pm. We hope that as many as possible participate in this event for the missionary month of October.

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First Holy Communion

In conjunction with our three primary schools, we hope to celebrate a number of First Holy Communion masses in the parish this weekend and next weekend.

These celebrations will be different than other years, There will be a number ceremonies of smaller gatherings to enable social distancing. It will be a more intimate and simpler celebration. We wish all the children a special day filled with happy memories.

Dates:

Killeen Saturday 26th September

Arles Sunday 27th September

Ballylinan Saturday 3rd October



Wearing of Face Coverings (Masks and Visors). This practice will apply to congregational setting for masses, the celebration of sacraments and private prayer in our churches.



Parish Office

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Opening Hours

Tuesday 10am –12 noon

Friday 10am—12 noon



Thank you for your continued support of our Covid 19 practices when gathering in the church. Please continue to respect our social distancing guidelines and be mindful of others.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday:	No mass
Tuesday:	10am Ballylinan
Wednesday:	10am Killeen
Thursday:	10am Arles
Friday:	10am Ballylinan

Permanent Diaconate

Our diocese has been blessed by the reintroduction of the Permanent Diaconate in 2013 with the ordination of eight candidates who have since been based throughout the diocese. The contribution of these eight men to the life of their parish and the diocese is deeply appreciated. Permanent deacons are to be found ministering in several dioceses around Ireland today.

2020 is another special year in the story of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese as we see the ordination of three further Permanent Deacons.

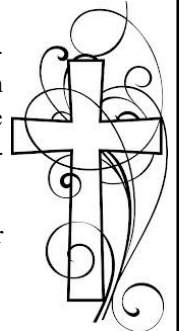
The three candidates due for ordination in the coming weeks are:

Vincent Crowley – Holy Rosary Church, Tullow, Sunday 4th October at 3pm

Liam Dunne – Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, Sunday 11th October at 3pm

Eugene Keyes – St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, Sunday 25th October at 3pm

May we remember these individuals and their families in our prayers over the coming weeks.



GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL

ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS

Tuesdays or Thursdays at 11am. Starting Tuesday 15th Sept & Thursday 17th Sept

6 WEEK COURSE ~ €60 Beginners / Improvers / Advanced ~ Small groups ~ Experienced Instructors ~ Work on your strokes, breathing & fitness. You must fill in a booking form at the pool office with full payment. Spaces are limited.

Contact 059 9140330 or cgswimmingpool@gmail.com for more details.

WATER AEROBICS: Returning Monday 14th September 2020 at 8pm