

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.

Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord



CONTACT



ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER

04th October 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St. Francis (4 October)

St. Francis of Assisi was a man well known for his simplicity of life, commitment to the poor, humility and love for all God's creatures, great and small. Saint Francis reached out to those who were poor and marginalised and also to non-human creatures because of his recognition of the interconnectedness of all creation.

We pray that we might mirror the actions of St. Francis, choosing instead to live simply and humbly as respectful stewards of creation.

Prayer



St. Francis

Loving God, help us to find ways to live the wisdom of St. Francis of Assisi. Give us the gift of simplicity that we may be able to concentrate on you above all else. Teach us humility in our relationships with the earth and its beings.

Help us to understand poverty as the emptying of ourselves for the sake of love for our neighbour. Let the joy of St. Francis transform our own way of seeing the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Creation Prayer Service for the Feast of St. Francis (Trócaire)



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 03 / 04 Oct

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

Sarah Condron

Arles (10am): **Ann Elizabeth Conroy**

Maureen Mulhall & her husband Patrick.

John Pound

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): **Elizabeth & Bertie Dineen**

Anniversaries for 10 / 11 Oct

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): **Johnny Lawlor**

(11.30am):



First Holy Communion

Well done to all who helped organise and prepare the children in each of our three parish schools for their First Holy Communion. We had five very intimate and special ceremonies over the past two weekends.

My wish for each of the children is that they will have happy memories of their special day and that the gift of Eucharist be always present in their lives as a blessing and strength.

Thanks once again to all involved.

Fr. Padraig

Weekly Collections

Sunday 27th September

Arles: Offertory €131.19

Envelope €201.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €262.29

Envelope €249.00

Killeen: Offertory €108.35

Envelope €95.00

A sincere word of thanks to all those who contribute to the upkeep of our parish.

Parish Office

(059) 862 5456

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.

Ballylinan/Ballyadams Community Employment : are seeking Environmental/Caretaker workers in the following areas :

CE Scheme Ref No 215 7445 - Luggacurren

CE Scheme Ref No 215 7450 - Ballylinan

CE Scheme Ref No 215 9880 – Ballyadams

Please contact Trevor Dowling 087 0960581 to check eligibility or Jenny Joyce 087 2232515 for further information.

GRAIGUECULLEN SWIMMING POOL



WATER AEROBICS

From Monday 14th September 2020 at 8pm

€7 pay-as-you-go

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: No mass

Tuesday: 10am Ballylinan

Wednesday: 10am Killeen

Thursday: 10am Arles

Friday: 10am Ballylinan

Ballylinan Community Alert



We are aware of the difficult time we all have had over the past six months and it will continue into the winter months with numbers rising each day. As winter approaches it is never more important to look out for each other. If you or anyone you know in our community are looking for the personal alarm for the elderly, please contact us on 085-1126585/086-3794804



A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.

~ Francis of Assisi ~

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. \zx



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