

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah



Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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18th October 2020

29th Sunday (Mission Sunday)

Gospel Reflection

My mother used always say - put things where they belong. Newspapers, food, the bicycle not in the hall etc etc. Jesus says the same here - give what belongs to where it belongs.

So Jesus is being asked about taxes and politics and shifts things further. He knows he is being trapped about money. He moves on to higher questions. Something about the answer of Jesus - where do we belong?

Belonging – Control or Love

Belonging can sound heavy - as if we are being controlled. Or our money belongs to us and we can do what we like with it. But for Jesus - it's the belonging of love. Not of power and control.

It may feel like that - life and death, love, creation - many things are not in our control. We are born at God's time and die the same. This reminds us that we are not the masters of our lives, We come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community is that we are God's. God doesn't want to control us but to love us.

God and Each Other

But there's a snag - belonging to God

means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. Give to others what belongs to others; give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Our work for hunger, education etc is not a charity for people; it is justice. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech - it is justice.

To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth! Big statements which by and large only the Christian faith makes.

Donal Neary SJ



In Memoriam

We pray for: Peter Dunne, Carlow Rd., Ballylinan who died during this past week.

Anniversaries for 17 / 18 Oct

Ballylinan (11.30am):

This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109

Anniversaries for 24 / 25 Oct

Ballylinan (11.30am): Frank McCarthy
Margaret Kinsella & Family



Halloween is coming!

Don't forget your mask ☺

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



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The Autumn Dues Collection

Due to the current restrictions the usual method for gathering this collection will not happen this year. Having our collectors visit households is just putting everyone in harms way and breaching the current guidelines.

And as I mention our Station Collectors, may I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your help over the years in facilitating this collection.

New challenges require new solutions and answers! With the arrival of our new website, there is now a means of donating online to both our Parish Collections and to the Clergy Collection (which is what the Harvest Collection is for).

Likewise you may drop your envelope into the Parish Office (Tue 10-12, Fri 10-12) or to the Presbytery in Arles.

The Clergy Collections have been badly affected by the lockdowns: last Easter was all but cancelled and the Autumn Dues will be badly hampered as well.

On behalf of Fr. Tommy and myself, I thank you for your continued support and kindness during this challenging time for everyone.

Fr. Pdraig

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Opening Hours

Tuesday 10am – 12 noon

Friday 10am – 12 noon

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No Mass

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.

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.

Thank you

Arles NS win first prize.



Students from Arles National School were crowned national champions

and overall winners out of over 600 entries in the STEPS Young Engineers' Award. Their winning entry was a 'Let's All Play Together' project which sought to develop an inclusive playground where all children could play together. Having noticed that children in wheelchairs have no swings or playground equipment in their local area, the Arles pupils wanted to make a change and came up with the project to create a wheelchair-friendly swing powered by 'kid energy' which would allow all children to play together.

Keep an eye on RTE News2Day for an exclusive interview with the winning team and to see what 3rd and 4th class are inventing this year



Overseas missionaries are in urgent crisis

“Our task is to serve the poor. Even when it becomes difficult, we are ready to move forward!”

Sister Marie Catherine, Niger, West Africa

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