

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul

to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all

round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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25th October 2020

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection



**Love God
Love Others
Serve All**

A Jesuit colleague of mine was working in the inner city years ago and was asked did he need help. He said something that remained with me – 'don't come into these good people if you feel angry or guilty. The city has enough angry people, and we don't need your guilt. Come among them only if you love them'.

Two loves, One Love

The gospel today centres the message of Jesus on love; on two loves united in each of us. Love God, love the neighbour – this is the only commandment of Jesus. Without this all we say we do for him, is really done for ourselves.

No law of the church can be above the law of love. No detail of religious observance is above this law of love. Jesus said this, and lived it in his life. He never allowed the laws of religion overtake the need for love.

Human starvation took precedence over laws of not working on the Sabbath. Care for the sick takes precedence over Sunday worship. He was put to death because he put himself above the religious details of the people.

Love speaks to the deepest in us

We want this sort of religion. We admire the people who really give their lives fully to others: in their family, in the neighbourhood and in the wider world. We know love when we see it in action because it speaks to what is deepest in the human heart.

The message of Jesus is all-embracing and covers all our relationships, both the close relationships of marriage, family and friendship, as well as the call to love the wider world, particularly where the needs are great.

Lord Jesus may your kingdom come and may all in our world know the grace of human and divine love.

Donal Neary SJ.



In Memoriam

This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109

Anniversaries for 24 / 25 Oct

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

Anniversaries for 31 Oct / 01 Nov

Ballylinan (11.30am): Margaret O'Dwyer,
Monasterevin



We continue to wear a mask to protect ourselves and others.

Pope St. John Paul II

~ Feast Day 22nd October ~

“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already born for us, and does not now bear with us.”

Safeguarding

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A Prayer for these days

Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress,
in faith we pray.
Look with compassion on
the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to
mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to
our leaders
and the courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory to your
holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



'Collect' from Mass in time of Pandemic



Parish Office

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Due to the Covid-19 Level 5 Restrictions the Office will remain closed for 6 weeks. If you wish to have a departed loved one remembered in our Sunday mass, please email arlesparish@gmail.com

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: No Mass

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

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.

Feast of All Saints.

Next Sunday (1st Nov.) sees us enter the month of the dead—a time when we remember all our faithful departed. We keep them all in our prayers and thoughts at this time. May they know the eternal joy of heaven with the Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

With Thanks

The family, relatives and friends of the late Lorraine Dunne, Killabban, sincerely want to express and acknowledge the support, empathy, understanding and goodwill shown to us during our recent bereavement.

Through your generosity the sum of €12,559.42 was lodged to the Cancer Research Fund (Go Fund Me and Killeen Fun Run).

Thanks for your support, kindness, sensitivity, contribution and support.

Richie Dunne

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

CE Scheme Ref No 215 7445 - Luggacurran

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.

