

TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second reading

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord



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29th November 2020

First Sunday of Advent

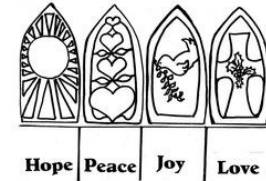
Our Hope for Peace



Advent is a holy season where we directs our hearts and minds to the presence of Christ among us.

Christ was born into our world on that first Christmas, and His uplifting presence has never left our side. In this period of waiting we allow that belief to well up in our hearts. We pray for the grace to be able to sense the power of the Spirit in our lives.

As a time of waiting, Advent also reminds us that while we wait to celebrate the Saviour's birth at Christmas, God waits for us too. Our loving Creator waits for us to open our hearts to His presence so that he may bestow upon each of us the gift of peace: a peace that speaks of healing, hope and solidarity. He says to each of us at this time: 'do not worry for I am here'.



Advent Prayer

Loving God,

On this Advent day we turn to you in prayer.

As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us.

Bring your healing upon us and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace.

May your peace guard our heart, our mind and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come. Lord Jesus.



In Memoriam

This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109

We pray for: Mary Kinsella, Ballylethane, who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 29 Nov

Ballylinan (11.30am):
Bridie & John Maher
James McDonald &
Ellen Nolan
Patrick Lawlor
Patrick Conway, Farnans
Mai Wall, Ballickmoyler

Anniversaries for 05 / 06 Dec

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am): Sean Kenna, Arles
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):



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



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Advent Retreat

We are taking registrations now for our Advent Retreat. It's a series of filmed reflections on the Sunday gospel readings of Advent. We are subsidising the production costs to encourage participation, the cost of the retreat is €40 and registration closes on Friday week, November 27. Maybe it's a sign of the times but it seems people are interested in looking at the 'big' questions especially coming up to this very unusual Christmas.

<https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2020-advent-retreat>



November Dead List

The November Dead list can be renewed during the month of November by contacting:

Kathleen Noctor in Arles

Carmel Behan in Killeen

Kevin Hovenden in Ballylinan

Sick and Housebound

Fr. Pdraig will attend the housebound of the parish on Friday morning 4th Dec.



COVID-19 Support Line

or Older People



Supporting older people to age at home

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

This year, the ACN Week of Witness will take place between 25 November and 1 December, with many important talks to be livestreamed on the theme of Christian persecution. During the Week of Witness, the Red Wednesday Liturgy of Witness to be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral Armagh. This is a beautiful opportunity for the faithful to gather as a community of witnesses and pray not only for persecuted Christians – but also for the persecutors of Christians.

Ways of participating in the Week of Witness are as follows:

WEARING a red tie, scarf or scapular as a mark of the blood lost by Christians in defence of our Faith.

PRAYING for the suffering and persecuted Church at the hours of the Angelus.

DONATING to ACN Ireland.

Advent Liturgy of Hope



Invitation from Bishop Denis to an Advent Liturgy of Hope

People across the diocese are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for a service of prayer to begin the Advent journey together in a spirit of hope. It will be streamed live from Carlow Cathedral, via iCatholic.ie, at 7:30 pm on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29.

In these darkening days of winter may this time of music, scripture, inspiration and prayer help people to draw once more on the hope that comes to us through our faith in Jesus, a hope that brings the light of Christ into our lives.

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Opening Hours

Tuesday: 10am—12 noon

Friday: 10am—12 noon

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

Thank you for your continued support of our Covid 19 practices.

