# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

## First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he -goats.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### **Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul

to the Thessalonians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done

away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feetand the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord





Our Liturgical Year comes to a close this weekend. We conclude our worship by centring our thoughts on Christ.

We speak of Christ as King. The Lord's kingship is not based on power and privilege, but rather on compassion, service and love. The values of His Kingdom remind us that all people should be treated with equal care.

Today, we humbly profess that these values are worth keeping, and we strive to uphold them as we enter a new year together.



# A King Like No Other

# by Christine Sine

Let us praise Jesus Christ our king for the wonderful things he has done.

He sends out his word to heal us.

He satisfies the thirsty with the water of life.

He fills the hungry with the abundance of his kingdom.

Let us praise Jesus, redeemer and renewer of all things.

May we always trust in his goodness and love.

And have faith in his grace and mercy,

May we always believe he cares about justice and righteousness,

And draw our life from his eternal purposes.

Let us praise Jesus Christ our king and saviour,

May we be filled with the hope and promise of his coming,

And give our lives to follow him.

May we be gripped by his kingdom ways,

And walk with assurance and trust into his grace and peace. Amen

# In Memoriam

This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109

We pray for: Sile Graham, Ballinagall, who died during the past week.

#### **Anniversaries for 22 Nov**

Ballylinan (11.30am): Michael Gleeson

Jimmy & David Myron

John Maguire, (1st Anniv.)

#### Anniversaries for 29 Nov

Bridie & John Maher Ballylinan (11.30am):

James McDonald & Ellen

Nolan

Patrick Lawlor

Patrick Conway, Farnans

#### **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

# Advent Retreat



We are taking registrations now PRIORY 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



Lough Derg

# NOVEMBER MEMORIAL **SERVICE**

for deceased pilgrims and benefactors



Live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo, Sunday 22nd November at 7pm. www.churchservices.tv/pettigo

To enrol a departed loved one please contact us by email: info@loughderg.org or Tel: 0 (0353) 71 9861518

Write to: Fr La Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 YC60



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# **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

# 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 an 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 invit-

ed 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.

## **Parish Office**

(059) 862 5456

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

## Vocations



"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest?

Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill

vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

