

## First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

## Second reading

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the

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sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Gospel of the Lord



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Second Sunday of Advent



## The Two Parts of Advent:

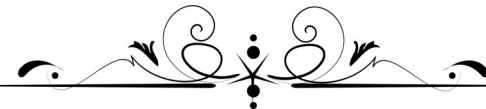
Part 1: up until December 16

While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a

continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Saviour. So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfilment or connection with the gospel.

Part 2: December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel. So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfilment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.



# In Memoriam

This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109

## Anniversaries for 05 / 06 Dec

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Sean Kenna, Arles

Ballylinan (8pm): Johnny & Mary Dunne, Aughanure.

(11.30am):

## Anniversaries for 08 Dec

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Molly & Harry Hyland

Ballylinan (11.30am):

## Anniversaries for 12 / 13 Dec

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Phyllis Flynn, Dublin (1st Anniv.)

Pauline Frain (nee Bambrick) who died recently



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



## First Confessions

The children in each of our three schools will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the month of December:

Ballylinan NS: Tues 15th Dec. in St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan.

*Two ceremonies, at 7.15pm and 8pm will be celebrated to preserve social distancing*

Killeen NS: Wed 16th Dec at 7.15pm in St. Abban's Church, Killeen.

Arles NS: Thurs 17th Dec at 7.15pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles.

*Let us keep them all in our prayers this week.*



## Parish Office

(059) 862 5456

Opening Hours

Tuesday: 10am—12 noon

Friday: 10am—12 noon



## Parish Shop

We have a selection of Christmas items available in the shop.

Get them while stocks last!

## Ceremony of Light

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation our young people, and their parents, will celebrate the Ceremony of Light on the following dates:



Ballylinan NS: Monday 14th Dec. in St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan.

*Three ceremonies, at 7pm, 7.30pm & 8pm will be celebrated to preserve social distancing.*

Killeen NS: Wed 16th Dec at 8pm in St. Abban's Church, Killeen.

Arles NS: Thurs 17th Dec at 8pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles.

*May the light of faith continue to shine in their young lives.*

## COVID-19 Support Line or Older People



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.



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8th December.

Mass times are as follows:

9am Killeen, 10am Arles &

11.30am Ballylinan.



Experienced carers urgently needed in the Arles & Ballylinan areas. Full training, uniform and PPE provided. The rate is €13 per hour Mon-Fri and €15 per hour at weekends and €26 per hour on Bank Holidays. We also offer fortnightly pay. Must be a driver. For more information please contact [lorraine.weldon@connected-health.ie](mailto:lorraine.weldon@connected-health.ie)



## St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

will take place next weekend.

Due to Covid 19 a church gate collection will not be held this year.

Special Donation Envelopes for your contribution are available in the Parish Office.

*Please give generously.*

## Weekday Mass Schedule

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

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



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