

First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and,

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in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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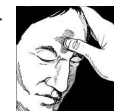
The Season of Lent



In the early Church, Lent was the process developed to welcome new members. As they prepared themselves, a season before Easter evolved of renewal for the already baptized and confirmed. This is what we now call Lent, from the Latin for springtime: new or renewed life.

Lent is about believing in the possibility of love, of God's dream of reconciliation, of restoration, of people living together with all creatures and creation, in love. And yes, Lent is about what we can and must do to allow the Spirit to pierce our hearts with the arrow of God's fiery, passionate love.

We don't mark one another with ashes to be morose about our sinfulness and mortality or to defy the Gospel warning



against performing religious acts just to be noticed. Rather, a smudgy cross mark reminds us God's love is for real: we come from God and are destined for Him. The cross is a sign seared into our souls that can never be eradicated!

We pray, fast, and give generously to signal our conviction that we live together in the power of Christ's resurrection victory of love. That's the joy and the hope that infuse this entire season of Lent!

Father Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R.



In Memoriam

This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109

We pray for: Paddy Dooley, Kilabban who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 21 Feb

(11.30am): Annie McDonnell, Rahin
Peter & Mary Farrell, Arles
Frank and Brigid Whelan
Laurence and Elizabeth Power.
Harry Hovenden, Ballylinan

Anniversaries for 28 Feb

(11.30am): Pierrie & Annie Kelly
Eamon & Peirrie Kelly
Margaret & Mick McCafferty
Ned & Betty Kelly
Esther Brennan
Gavin Brennan
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We continue to wear a mask to protect ourselves and others.



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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“Love... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13, 4-7.

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Living Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week

- + Make the sign of the cross when leaving your home/passing a church/cemetery/before & after a meal
- + Give up social media for an evening (or more!)
- + Take some time to go on a walk and say a prayer along the way
- + Take a pause when you feel you want to give out
- + Give up a coffee/meal out and donate the money you saved
- + Support Trócaire's Lenten appeal
- + Do one green thing, e.g. turn off lights, recycle

Parish Office & Shop

The Parish Office will remain closed for the duration of this phase of lockdown.

Emails will be monitored during this time. Please contact us at:

arlesparish@gmail.com

Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

~ Pope Francis ~

Important message from An Garda Síochána Crime Prevention Unit



Gardaí are receiving an ever increasing number of complaints in relation to fraudulent and illegal scams. The scams can come in the form of texts, emails, telephone calls to your mobile or landline or even through social media. They can be difficult to spot as the correspondence claims to come from a reputable organisation such as your bank, card issuer or even a government department such as Revenue. The message can appear within a genuine thread of text messages that you may have received from a legitimate organisation.

Anyone can fall victim to these scams, however gardaí are asking the public to make vulnerable persons aware of them. The worldwide nature of these scams which are designed to steal money from unsuspecting parties means that they are particularly difficult to investigate.

How to avoid becoming a victim:

Be suspicious of text messages received out of the blue that claim to come from a reputable organisation, such as a bank or credit/debit card issuer.

Be cautious of text messages that prompt you to call a phone number or visit a website to resolve an issue or verify your details urgently.

Do not respond to text messages that request personal information, such as your bank account details, without first independently verifying that they are from a genuine source.

Never reply to text messages that request your PIN, online banking password, or any other password.

Be wary about calling any phone number, or clicking on any link, that is embedded within a text message.

Examples of recent fraudulent messages that have been received are purporting to be from Revenue, Amazon, Various couriers/delivery companies, financial institutions, Covid-19 related among others

Gardaí would ask that we all look out for more vulnerable persons with regards to these scams

Remember never click on unknown links or divulge personal information over the phone