

## First reading

A reading from the book of Job



Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

## Second reading

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this,

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord



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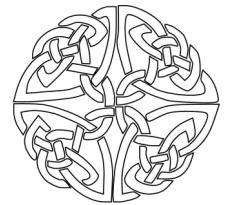
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7th February 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Life is precious

Amidst all the rich variety of life on earth, human life is cause for special wonder. We alone can contemplate the beauty around us. We alone can create art and music and literature to express this beauty. We alone can love one another.



Each human being has the capacity to experience and express this beauty and love in a unique way and, in doing so, to enrich others. We know that we did not create the beauty and the love around us. We know that we did not create ourselves.

When we say that human life is sacred we are recognising something that is sensed not only by religious people but by everyone who appreciates the wonder of human life. As human beings we depend on one another and so others have the right to expect something from us – it is the right to be recognised and respected and never to be treated as less than he or she is. That is true at every moment of our life – from its first beginnings to its natural end.

*Choose Life*



# In Memoriam

*This Mass is broadcast on radio Medium 109*

## Anniversaries for 07 Feb

(11.30am): Dick Donohue, Oldcourt & his  
parents Ellen & Denis Donohue  
Edward & Masie Greene  
Mai & Peter Callaghan  
William (Bill) Fitzpatrick, Farnans,  
(Months Mind)

## Anniversaries for 14 Feb

(11.30am):

## Feast Days

Monday - St. Jerome Emiliani (Patron  
Saint of Orphans)  
Wednesday - St. Scholastica  
Thursday - Our Lady of Lourdes (World  
Day of Prayer for the Sick)



### Safeguarding

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We continue to wear a  
mask to protect our-  
selves and others.



## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are  
present in the Most Ho-  
ly Sacrament.

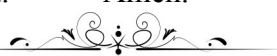
I love You above all  
things, and I desire to  
receive You into my  
soul.



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

I embrace You as if You were al-  
ready there and unite myself wholly  
to You.

Never permit me to be separated  
from You. Amen.



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of our Covid 19 practices .*



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## 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

## Parish Office & Shop

Tuesday & Friday 10am – 12noon

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

*To convert somebody go and take them by  
the hand and guide them.*

~ St. Thomas Aquinas ~

## Our Parish Website

### arlesparish.ie

*For latest notices; scripture readings for  
each day and the following Sunday; mass  
times; photo galleries; contact numbers;  
donation details to support our parish; ad-  
vice on preparing for sacraments etc.*

COVID-19 Support Line

for Older People



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