

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' **Alleluia!**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord



An Easter Reflection

Springtime
 Your message of hope
 to a world tiring of winter's starkness
 longing for that first crocus
 to push through snow's icy blanket
 and spread its leaves
 like arms outstretched
 to its creator
 Springtime
 Our yearly reminder, if we needed one
 that to a world that was dark and cold
 a world devoid of love's sweet warmth
 you sent your Son
 to break through sin's icy blanket
 and, arms outstretched
 on a cross
 he brought us
 hope
 Thank you



There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.' Springtime is a season of optimism and hope and the Christian lives a faith centred on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.

We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord for the hope that you bring, the renewal that you bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

John Birch

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In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 11th April 2021

(10am): Eddie Egan, Tireran (1st Anniv.)
Inez Feehan, Ballickmoyler

Collie Kennedy, Arles

Tony Kennedy, Arles

JJ, Paddy, James & Elizabeth
Brennan Clonpierce

Anniversaries for 18th April 2021

(10am): Tony Noctor, Arles

Jimmy & Edward Graham

Pat & Bridie Morrissey, Arles

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Look for something positive in every day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.”

A word of thanks to all who supported the annual Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish. As always, we appreciate people's ongoing generous support.

Thank you

Offering Envelopes



Parish Donations

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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.



POPE FRANCIS has dedicated 2021 as the year of St. Joseph

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH,

Husband of Mary

Blessed Joseph,

in life you protected and cherished Mary as your wife.

You loved the child Jesus as your Son, and kept him safe from danger.

Watch over us this day,

as you watched over your family.

Guard and protect us from the dangers that face us,

shield us from the anxiety of our hearts.

Through your example

may we find the courage, love and faith to walk through these days,

trusting in God and caring for one another, as you cared for your family.

St. Joseph, pray for us. Amen

Safeguarding

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To a Christian, Easter Sunday means everything, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Bernhard Langer,

Golf Professional

Parish Office & Shop

Each Tuesday the Parish Office will open for reduced hours (10-12 Tuesday only) to facilitate those who wish to get a mass card, book an anniversary, or drop in their parish envelope offering, etc.

Lockdown Mass Schedule

Join in the celebration of the Mass from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles via Parish Webcam (arlesparish.ie)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Saturday 10am

Preceded by Rosary at 9.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 10.30am - 11.30am

Sunday Mass

10am



COVID-19 Support Line

for Older People

ALONE

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.



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