



# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

## First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

## Second Reading

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

Since you have been brought back to true life

with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord



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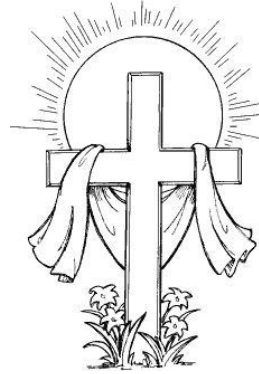


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4th April 2021 Easter Sunday



## On the Hope of Easter



The Cross is an ancient symbol. Expressed lyrically, there is cruciform structure to every pain, difficulty, and sadness. In this sense, the Cross is not an external object that belongs far away on a hill in Jerusalem. Rather, the shape of the Cross is internal to the human heart. Every heart has a cruciform shape.

When you look at the different conflicts in your life, you find that they are placed where the contradictions cross each other. At the nerve of contradiction, you have the centre of the Cross, the nail of pain where two intimate but conflicting realities criss-cross. To view the standing Cross is to see how it embraces all directions. The vertical beam reaches from the lowest depth of clay to the highest zenith of divinity, the horizontal beam stretches the breadth of the world.

The promise to each of us is that we will never be called to walk the lonely path of suffering without seeing the footprints ahead of us which lead eventually over the brow of the hill where Resurrection awaits us. Behind the darkness of suffering, a subtle brightening often manifests itself. Two lines in a poem by Philippe Jaccottet echo this: "Love, like fire, can only reveal its brightness / on the failure and the beauty of burnt wood." There is consolation and transfiguration here. The fires of suffering are disclosures of love. It is the nature of the lover to suffer. The marks and wounds that suffering leave on us are eventually places of beauty. This is the deep beauty of soul where limitation and damage, rather than remaining forces that cripple, are revealed as transfiguration.

John O'Donohue, *Eternal Echoes*



## In Memoriam

Our weekly Mass schedule is broadcast on our Parish Webcam/

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### Easter Sunday (4th April 2021)

10am

Our Mass on Easter Sunday is offered for all our faithful departed.

May they know the joy of the Risen Lord in the happiness of heaven.

### Anniversaries for 11th March

(10am): Eddie Egan, Tireran (1st Anniv.)  
Inez Feehan, Ballickmoyler  
Collie Kennedy, Arles  
Tony Kennedy, Arles  
JJ, Paddy, James & Elizabeth Brennan  
Clonpierce

## 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.



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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.



## Trócaire

Thanks to all who returned their Trócaire Box over the Easter. If you still need to do so, please drop it into the Parish Office during opening hours (Tues 10 –12pm).

Until love conquers fear.



The annual Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish takes place over the Easter period.



As always, we appreciate people's ongoing generous financial support.



## Distribution of Easter Water After Mass Today

Following our Sunday mass today, bottles of Easter Water will be left in our three churches. Please visit your church sometime today and take one for your own home—it is a lovely symbol of the Lords blessing.

Also, maybe you could bring one for a neighbour!



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## Easter Blessings



## Lockdown Mass Schedule



Join in the celebration of the Mass from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles

via Parish Webcam ([arlesparish.ie](http://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

