



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of

glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord

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Ascension of the Lord



Reflection

I asked a lady once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said 'if he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus – he is here and there. The Risen Lord has moved on. But not fully so that he has left us. Even though he has gone in a certain way, he is still among us. His Spirit dwelling in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. We will never see him in the skies...his body now is the church and that's us – the man of heaven and the God of earth.

We are Christ's

Before we are any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptised

into the church of Christ; we live out our faith in different denominations, unfortunately. Today is the feast of the whole church – we begin in him and end in him. The renewal of our faith comes through living with Jesus, partners in our mission. And in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body. His life embodies the good and the evil – we note the two Thursdays – Holy Thursday the day he suffered, he was the servant, the one who gave himself for all time. Ascension used be on a Thursday – the other Thursday of joy. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven. Encouraging the good and overcoming the evils and sin of society and of each of us. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

Donal Neary SJ



In Memoriam

We pray for: Patricia Campbell, Ashfield who died during this past week.

Anniversaries for 15 / 16 May

Killeen (9am): Edward, Margaret & Paddy Warren.

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Margaret & William Bambrick, and their daughters Pauline & Mary

Anniversaries for 22 / 23 May

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Mary McDonald and Bridget Nolan.
Mary O'Neill.

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

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Opening Hours

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm

Friday: 10am - 1pm

To facilitate those who wish to get a mass card, book an anniversary, book a baptism or wedding, or drop in their parish envelope offering, etc.

We Remember

We remember in our prayers this Sunday the victims of an ambush that took place in Barrowhouse 100 years ago today (Sunday) - we commend to Almighty God the souls of James Lacey & William Connor. May they know the light of heaven and rest there in peace. May all victims of war and conflict know eternal rest and peace. Amen.



Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday - Friday 10am - Arles

Preceded by Rosary at 9.30am

Mass from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles can be viewed via Parish Webcam (arlesparish.ie)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 10.30am - 11.30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 8pm Ballylinan

Sunday: 9am Killeen

10am Arles

11.30am Ballylinan

A maximum of 50 people are permitted to attend masses at this time.

Resumption of Public Worship

Some timely reminders ...

It is a great source of relief and joy that we can re-open our churches for public worship ... the numbers of people who can attend religious services are as follows:

Parish Masses: 50

Funerals: 50 regardless of size of church

Weddings: 50 regardless of size of church

Hand hygiene, social distancing, appropriate signage and the sanitisation of church buildings and other parish facilities remain priorities of action in all parishes. Good and friendly stewarding is essential and very much appreciated after the last lockdown. While by law the wearing of facemasks in places of worship is not mandatory, it is however listed by the government as a place where facemasks are recommended.

Ministers of Holy Communion are ... to sanitise their hands before and after distribution. Holy Communion is still to be given on the hand, not on the tongue.

Readers ... can remove their facemask at the ambo when proclaiming scripture and put it on once more before returning to their place.

It is not yet possible to draw on the ministry of choirs. Holy water fonts are to remain empty.

These past five months haven't been easy on any of us. While we look forward to the return of 'congregations' we must remain constantly vigilant and alert as we live alongside this virulent virus.

Every blessing as we continue to journey together,
Bishop Denis

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Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
my great protector, Saint Joseph,
that no one ever had recourse
to your protection,
or implored your aid
without obtaining relief.

Confiding therefore in your goodness,
I come before
you.

Do not turn down
my petitions,
foster father of
the Redeemer,
but graciously
receive them.

Amen.



Welcome Back Everyone!



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