

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles



When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of

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different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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23rd May 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost

A Time to Say Yes to the Work of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives



Scholars tell us that the first Pentecost took place during the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was a festival at which the

first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in thanksgiving. But on this particular day, instead of giving our first fruits to God, he gave his first fruit—the Holy Spirit—to us.

And what an amazing gift the Spirit has been! To put it quite simply, Pentecost is all about the fact that Almighty God has come to live in human hearts, making ordinary people into extraordinary saints.

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to the apostles and, breathing on them, said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22). Just as he did at Pentecost, Jesus wants to breathe God's energy into our hearts every day. The spiritual dynamic that was present at that first Pentecost, moving people to love God, to seek out holiness, and to

come together as a church, is still at work today.

How can we tell if this breath of God is active in our lives? We will feel energized by the Spirit, and we will want to set our sights on being like Jesus. We will feel moved to go to work for the kingdom, relying on the Spirit's power and guidance. We will try to be more loving, more kind, and more patient.

Right now, stop and take a few deep breaths. In your mind, imagine yourself breathing in the Spirit. Picture yourself accepting the Lord and his plans, and letting go of your own plans and visions. Jesus has great plans for every member of his church. And that includes you!

"Lord Jesus, breathe on me and make me more alive to God. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your life!"



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 22 / 23 May

Killeen (9am): Kathleen Simpson and deceased members of the McDermott family
Arles (10am): Mary McDonald and Bridget Nolan.
Mary O'Neill.
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 29 / 30 May

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am): Christy Rowan, Tolerton
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am): Joe & Bridget O'Brien

Parish Office

(059) 862 5456

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.

Parish Donations

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Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

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.



GAZA in CRISIS



"The bombings are extremely heavy. The people of Gaza have lived through many wars over many years, but everyone agrees that this time it is completely different. They are trapped in this densely populated strip of land at the mercy of intense air bombardment with nowhere to flee for safety."

Sr. Bridget Tighe from Sligo, Secretary General of Caritas Jerusalem

People in Gaza are being subjected to a horrific aerial bombardment. Neighbourhoods are being destroyed and entire families have been killed.

This is an enormous humanitarian crisis. People are trapped in one of the most densely populated areas in the world with missiles raining down on them.



But you can do something to do help.



Light a candle and hold space in any way that feels right for you, for an hour this week. You may sit in quiet reflection, play some gentle music, read a little about the Palestinian people and their plight for justice, draw, write, pray, meditate. There is no right or wrong way, simply the intentional moving into connectedness with people in Gaza.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the people of Palestine.

Arles National School



Beckie Kennedy, Rían Murphy, Grace Kelly, Rosie Rogers and Patrick O'Neill from Arles National School, Co Laois have been awarded Engineers Ireland's STEPS Young Engineers Award for their 'Smart Windmills' project which aims to help livestock farmers harness clean wind energy to heat water and to make their daily work easier.

Well done to all the students and teachers involved in achieving this award. A lovely honour for all the school community!

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Weekly Collections

Sunday 16th May

Arles:	Offertory	€111.35
	Envelope	€703.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€304.99
	Envelope	€1,315.10
Killeen:	Offertory	€147.92
	Envelope	€720.00

A sincere word of thanks to all those who contribute to the upkeep of our parish.



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