

First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel



The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high

mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading:

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord



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13th June 2021

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Catholic saint, Anthony of Padua, also venerated as Saint Anthony of Lisbon, was born in Lisbon, Portugal, which was then a part of Spain, in 1195 A.D., and named Fernando de Bulhoes. Saint Anthony's physical appearance was unremarkable; he was short and slightly plump, but everyone who heard him speak was drawn to him. St. Anthony was known to have a winning smile, a loud voice and a prodigious memory. His fervent faith must have been apparent from a young age, for by fifteen, he had entered the Augustinian Abbey of St. Vincent at Lisbon against his well-to-do family's wishes.

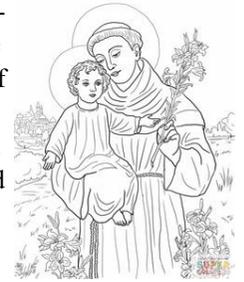
Then, in 1219, St. Anthony had a portentous meeting with five Franciscans who were on their way to preach to the Muslims in Morocco. The friars were martyred during their mission, and their mutilated bodies brought back to Spain where they were carried in solemn procession. St. Anthony was apparently very moved by the Franciscans' sacrifice and their simple lifestyle. He asked his order for permission to join the Franciscans, and in the summer of 1220, received his habit. He took the name Anthony, after St. Anthony the Great.

Saint Anthony greatly desired to follow in the footsteps of the five Franciscans who had so affected him, and preach in Morocco, but ill health forced him to return soon after his

arrival there. He ministered in a rural hospice of San Paolo outside of Bologna. In that location, St. Anthony lived as a hermit and worked in the kitchen, his educated background either unknown or ignored.

The hermitage was, in time, visited by a gathering of Dominicans who were awestruck by the brilliant words emanating from the mouth of St. Anthony. It was the beginning of his fame as a preacher. St. Francis himself learned of St. Anthony's extraordinary speaking abilities and sent Anthony a note exhorting him to preach to the other Franciscans. In June of 1230 he asked for release from his duties in order to devote himself to preaching. His request was granted, and from then on, St. Anthony resided in the monastery at Padua where he wrote, among other things, his famous sermons on the saints.

The beloved preacher became ill with dropsy in 1231 and on June 13, now his feast day, he died at the Poor Clare convent in Arcella at the young age of 36. Saint Anthony's was declared a saint 352 days after his death, by the same Pope Gregory he had met in life.



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 12 / 13 June

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Breda Browne (nee Byrne),
Australia and formerly of Arles

Ballylinan (8pm): Martin Kinsella, Ballylethane

(11.30am): John, Ann & James Hayden

Anniversaries for 19 / 20 June

Killeen (9am): Mary Coll, Sheila Breheny
& deceased members of the
Leonard family

Peg Burke

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Michael, Brigid & Pat Kehoe

John, Mary & Geraldine Brodigan



Parish Donations

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our Parish Collections

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Weekly Collections

Sunday 06th June

Arles: Offertory €134.04

Envelope €553.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €253.31

Envelope €237.00

Killeen: Offertory €143.35

Envelope €344.00

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



Parish Office

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Opening Hours

Tuesday & Friday: 10am - 1pm



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Teacher

www.presentformyteacher.com is where parents and guardians can buy an online gift for their children's teachers in exchange for a donation towards the work of Mary's Meals. Every donation will help to support their mission to provide nutritious daily meals to some of the world's poorest children in their place of education. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted and for just €18.30, a child can receive daily meals while they learn for an entire school year. It is really two gifts in one: your children can safely send a beautiful e-card via email to recognise and thank their teacher, while simultaneously giving a gift of hope to hungry children across the globe.

The Sisters of Mercy Summer Series

The Sisters of Mercy of the Northern Province, Ireland are delighted to announce a Summer Series of comhthionól ar líne (online gatherings) to mark 50 years since the publication of "A Theology of Liberation" (Teología de la Liberación) by Gustavo Gutiérrez. Please find information on the attached flyer.



Here is the Eventbrite Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/summer-series-of-comhthionol-ar-line-online-gatherings-tickets-157753560145>



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15th

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a call to organisations and communities to raise awareness about Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. You can show your support by wearing a purple ribbon on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

PRAYER

BEFORE AN EXAMINATION



Dear Lord, as I take this exam,
I thank you that my value
Is not based on my performance,
but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.
Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and clam, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen



Special Collection for Gaza - Sunday 20th June

Next Sunday at our Masses (20th June) I ask you to give a little extra on the plate collection. Any extra monies raised will go towards those who are suffering in Gaza due to the recent conflict and the many years of penal sanctions imposed upon the Palestinian people. Donations may also be handed into the Parish Office.

We will forward our collection to Sr. Brigid Tighe, Director of Caritas. Sr. Brigid, whom we met on our Pilgrimage to the Holyland works directly with the people of Gaza. You can be assured that, with Sr. Brigid's assistance, all the monies collected will go to supporting very needy families.

Many thanks, Fr. Padraig

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