



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

tion; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

First reading

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord

Response: O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

Second Reading:

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

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new crea-



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20th June 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

Those who have not yet taken an hour or so to read the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end might consider doing so this week.

Too often, we take the Sunday gospel passage out of its context and therefore miss much of its power as sacred story. Today's gospel story (Mark 4:35-41) looks back to the parables that comprise the first part of the chapter and the crowds that heard them: it is the evening of that same day. This story also looks forward as it marks the beginning of the second major section of Mark's gospel (4:35-8:21), a section that seems to be structured around a number of crossings of the lake, or Sea of Galilee. Jesus' decision to move with his disciples out of familiar territory is deliberate: "Let us go across..." The crossing itself is difficult, as is the challenge that confronts them on the other side of the lake. From the disciples' perspective, the seeming indifference of the sleeping Jesus is even more disturbing than the storm that threatens their safe crossing: "Do you not care...?" Jesus demonstrates that he does indeed care.

In the context of the Markan story, Jesus is like the Sower in the parable (4:27-28) who goes to sleep and trusts that the seed will sprout and grow and bear fruit-which it does.

Within a first-century Jewish context, Jesus' ability to "rebuke" the storm is a sign of divine power: in the Psalms, for instance, the God of Israel is the one who stills the roaring of the seas (Psalm 65:5) and controls the creatures that inhabit the waters (Psalm 89:9).



Today's first reading insists that God commands the sea and all of its moods. God the Birthing Mother presents Job with a series of rhetorical questions, reminding him and us that, while the sea may be threatening, it is God's new born infant, wrapped in God's swaddling clothes of darkness and cloud.

Against the backdrop of the Hebrew Scriptures, Mark's little story invites us to consider how our species respects or fails to respect and to nurture the fruit of God's womb, the cosmos. This story is not an invitation to be complacent about the extreme weather events on our planet, trusting in God that all will be well. Such events can derive from the movement of tectonic plates. They can also derive from or be exacerbated by excessive carbon emissions. We pollute the atmosphere and make the seas to rise at our peril. Trust in God may involve relinquishing vested interests and engaging the processes that are designed to reverse the effects of human induced climate change.



In Memoriam

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

Anniversaries for 26 / 27 June

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): Jim Doyle, Gurteen (Months Mind).

(11.30am): Pauline Moore, Ballylehan Lower, (Months Mind).

Parish Donations

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Weekly Collections

Sunday 13th June

Arles:	Offertory	€118.44
	Envelope	€268.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€191.29
	Envelope	€281.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€112.45
	Envelope	€438.00

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.

Eucharistic Adoration will continue in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles each Friday from 10.30am until 11.30am (after morning Mass).

Eucharistic Adoration will also be available via Webcam.



Killabban Monastery
Restoration Committee.

We are looking for old photographs of Killabban Monastery prior to any restoration work being done. If you have any please contact Liam Delaney 087 6471134. or John Moran 086 8363790.



Safeguarding

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Ballylinan Tidy Towns

Our new planters throughout the village which we received from Laois County Council are in full bloom and add great colour to the Main Street. All summer bedding have been planted by the CE scheme. We would like to thank everyone for their help and assistance and also all the local community for your continued support in our donation boxes in the local supermarkets.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



Whilst the Government has given permission for ceremonies to go ahead from July (they had asked that we not celebrate the Sacraments in May and June), I feel that many families will want to take holidays over the next couple of months when the schools are closed. With this in mind, I am hoping to celebrate the sacraments in late September / early October once the children are settled again in school. Specific dates and times will be announced later but we will strive to give everyone plenty of notice. I thank you for your patience.

Fr. Padraig

Special Collection for Gaza - Sunday 20th June

This weekend at all our Masses (19th/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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