

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus



Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God

through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord



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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

In Communion

If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world ...

In the Eucharist we receive Christ hungering in the world. He comes to us, not alone, but with the poor, the oppressed, the starving of the earth. Through him they are looking to us for help, for justice, for love expressed in action. Therefore we cannot properly receive the bread of life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be.' Pedro Arrupe SJ

The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our responsibility to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the divine banquet – especially the poor and the hungry.

In that familiar bible story of the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus refuses to leave anyone hungry, even when his own disciples suggest sending the crowds away. There is more than enough bread for everyone.

Jesus gives the food to his disciples to distribute among the hungry crowd. He is passing on the responsibility to his followers. It is up to all of us to help those in need. Having received Jesus' body and blood in the Eucharist, we are expected to pass it on – to play our part in feeding the hungry and working for justice.

Triona Doherty



In Memoriam

We pray for: Pauline Moore, Ballylehan Lwr and Jimmy Farrell, Ballylinan who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 5 / 6 June

Killeen (9am): Lorraine Dunne, Kilabban
(1st Anniv)
Charlotte & William Moran
Edward Baldwin
Arles (10am): Jim & Ned McDonald, Ashfield
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am): Betty Kealy
John Murphy, Ballylinan

Anniversaries for 12 / 13 June

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (8pm): Martin Kinsella, Ballylehan
(11.30am): John, Ann & James Hayden

Feast Days this Coming week:

Wednesday 9th - St. Columba (Secondary Patron of Ireland)
Friday 11th - The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 12th - Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Parish Donations

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Weekly Collections

Sunday 30th May

Arles:	Offertory	€142.00
	Envelope	€499.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€223.47
	Envelope	€434.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€125.69
	Envelope	€767.00

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

Safeguarding

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Opening Hours

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm

Friday: 10am - 1pm

Irish Volunteer Agency



Creates Online Global Network

Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. VC have just launched, along with our partner agencies in Volunteering for Humanity, a new Online Discussion Forum that is open to all! The Forum is an online community that is free for everyone to join and to start discussions about volunteering - how to become a volunteer; to share stories and to find volunteering opportunities such as the #EUAVI. To learn more about the forum go to our website www.vcvolunteers.ie

Announcing the **Irish Church Music Association virtual Summer School** – 'Songs of Love, Faith, Trust & Praise' - July 7th-10th 2021

Streaming on ICMA Facebook and YouTube with workshops Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at 8pm and on Saturday at 2pm, followed by closing Eucharist. No booking required. Free event.

An ICMA virtual choir will accompany the summer school. This project is open to all and we hope lots of you will join us for 4 days of music workshops, prayer and liturgical input as we explore the psalms of love, faith, trust and praise!



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. Research suggests that 4 – 10% of older people experience some form of abuse, most of which will go unreported. This day is to make sure we remain focused on our older populations and ensure that they continue to lead lives of high quality and dignity. You can show your support by wearing a purple ribbon on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Cruinniú na nÓg Laois

Sat 12th June 2021



Cruinniú na nÓg is the flagship youth initiative of Creative Ireland. This national day of FREE creativity for children and young people under the age of 18, is the only day of its kind in the world.

The full Laois programme can be found at <https://cruinniú.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/laois/> and also at <https://laois.ie/cruinniú2021/>

The Arts Office, Heritage Office, Library Service, Dunamais Arts Centre, Music Generation Laois and collaborators have joined forces to create this bumper programme of FREE events, workshops and activities. Keep in touch for updates and opportunities across our social media channels, @creativeLaois.