

First reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The Word of the Lord

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St. James.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Today's Mass Readings

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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29th August 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

An extract from a Homily Preached by Bishop Denis Nulty

St. Conleth's Church, Newbridge

LORD, WHO SHALL WE GO TO? YOU HAVE THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE



I, like others, am somewhat concerned that there are people who haven't returned to Sunday worship not really because of a fear around the pandemic but because Mass has simply slipped off their radar. When a prudent decision was made at

the beginning of this pandemic to remove the Sunday obligation, it gave permission in some ways for these people to stop attending and other attractions such as hill walking, golf, cycling, or simply staying in bed longer, has become the order of their Sunday morning. There is no anger there, no walking away, just slipping out of the habit and when we do, it's hard to reintroduce a practice, simply put it's hard to start going again.

The solution is not in my opinion to reintroduce the obligation. That would be a missed opportunity. We must teach people why Sunday is so special that they will want to go to Mass rather than feel compelled to attend Mass. People need to be reminded that a Sunday without giving God time is a Sunday less well spent...

Mass on Sunday is a way of affirming that life has meaning and no matter what we're struggling through, we have value before God. During the depths of the pandemic when we had no public worship, there was much talk about Eucharistic starvation, as if the Eucharist was a prize to be possessed rather than a missionary mandate to go out from Mass and heal the sick, bandage the wounded, welcome the stranger.

We have met the Lord in our little domestic churches; we come to church on Sunday, in that knowledge that we can meet Him at home, but in church we meet with and are supported by a faith filled people. In receiving Eucharist we become His body – we become what we receive. When there are some people missing, that body is incomplete...

Bishop Denis Nulty



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 28 Aug / 29 Aug

Killeen (9am):
 Arles (10am): Tadgh O'Donovan, Aghcross
 Maureen & Paddy Mulhall & Jack Pound, Coolanowle
 Sadie Conway, Farnans.
 Christine Doyle, Ashfield
 Ballylinan (8pm): John & Joanna Doyle
 Michael & Judy Shortall
 (11.30am): Jaydn Kelly, (2nd Anniversary)
 Kevin Hovenden.

Anniversaries for 04 Sept / 05 Sept

Killeen (9am): Michael Fitzpatrick (Months Mind)
 Arles (10am): Fr. Edward Kennedy
 Ballylinan (8pm):
 (11.30am): Mary Flanagan

Parish Office & Shop

Tuesday & Friday 10am – 1pm

arlesparish@gmail.com

The Parish Office will be closed for summer holidays from 1pm on Friday 3rd Sept and reopens on Tuesday 21st September at 10am.



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Weekly Collections

Sunday 22nd August

Arles:	Offertory	€148.79
	Envelope	€273.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€270.12
	Envelope	€166.50
Killeen:	Offertory	€117.38
	Envelope	€124.00

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

Like every indoor space, facemasks are required to be worn for all our religious ceremonies in our three churches.

Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.



Safeguarding

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Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Weekday Mass Schedule

10am: Tuesday - Friday

Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles



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Sacramental Update



Dates for the celebration of First Holy Communion or Confirmation are as yet not finalised for this year. It is looking like the end of September or early October at the very earliest.

The bishop is awaiting an update from Nephth - in the interim he has asked us not to proceed with any ceremonies.

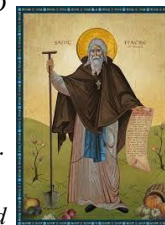
We will communicate dates and times through our newsletter and parish website as soon as we can.



Feast Days During the Week

Monday 30th August: St. Fiacre

Saint Fiacre of Breuil (c. AD 600 – 18 August 670), the Catholic priest, abbot, hermit, and gardener of the seventh century who was famous for his sanctity and skill in curing infirmities. He emigrated from his na-



tive Ireland to France, where he constructed for himself a hermitage together with a vegetable and herb garden, oratory, and hospice for travellers. He is the patron saint of gardeners.



Tuesday 31st Aug: St. Aidan of Lindisfarne

Prayer of St. Aidan

Leave me alone with God as much as may be. As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore, Make me an island, set apart, alone with you, God, holy to you.

Then with the turning of the tide prepare me to carry your presence to the busy world beyond, the world that rushes in on me till the waters come again and fold me back to you.



Friday 03rd Sept: St. Gregory the Great



Some wisdom from St. Gregory:
The sacred Scriptures grow with the one who reads them.