

First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis



The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Today's Mass Readings

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord



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03rd October 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection

Today's gospel is challenging. It contains two instances of Jesus correcting a popular opinion of the time and offering an alternative way.

The first is one of the few times Jesus is presented as speaking about marriage. The question asked by the Pharisees is whether it is 'against the Law' for a man to divorce his wife. Note that they do not ask whether divorce is right, or just – only whether it is legal. They are testing Jesus of course. They know the answer and so does he: divorce was indeed allowed under the law. Divorce was relatively common in the society of the time, though there were different interpretations of the law. But Jesus, as always, is less concerned about the law than the rightness of a situation. He directs his questioners instead to God's plan for marriage and the unity between a married couple.

When he delivers his strongest words

about divorce, it is in the context of adultery; the sin is not the breaking of the legal agreement, but the betrayal of one's spouse. The Pharisees are asking the wrong question.

The second part of the gospel sees Jesus once again teaching people to look at things in a new way. Children at the time of Jesus, not unlike wives, were often viewed as property, without any rights of their own. The disciples fail to show any concern for them when they turn them away. But Jesus welcomes them, blesses them, and treats them with love and concern. He goes so far as to present them as teachers, on account of their faith and openness.

Another surprising attitude!

Triona Doherty Athlone,
Co. Roscommon



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 02 Oct / 03 Oct

Killeen (9am): Ted Lawless (2nd anniversary), also his brother Michael & their parents Mary & Michael.

Arles (10am): First Holy Communion

Ballylinan (8pm): James & Maria Wall, Clonpierce.

John Joe & Angela Brennan.

(11.30am): Julia McEvoy

Anniversaries for 09 Oct / 10 Oct

Killeen (9am): Denis & Sheila Byrne, The Forge, Killabban.

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): Johnny & Mary Dunne, Aughanure

(11.30am): Willie Cranny, (Months Mind).

Peter Dunne, Carlow Road.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 26th September

Arles: Offertory €124.85

Envelope €660.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €222.36

Envelope €183.00

Killeen: Offertory €117.65

Envelope €91.00

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

DLP: Mick Daly, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dip@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Feast Days During the Week

Monday 4th Oct: St. Francis

Thursday 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary



BEGIN YOUR DAY IN A SPIRIT OF PRAYER

Join our daily mass (10am: Tuesday - Friday) from the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles.

If you can't come in person, please join us from your own home via our parish webcam.

Our Mass will be preceded each morning with the Rosary at 9.30am.



The sick and housebound in Arles &

Killeen will be attended next

Thursday morning 7th October.



Those in Ballylinan will be attended on Friday morning 8th October.



Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.

~ St. Francis of Assisi ~

Meeting in Killeen Hall on Wednesday 6th October at 8pm to discuss the formation of a community group.

All welcome to attend.



Sacramental Schedule

Saturday 9th October

Confirmation

11 am, 12 noon & 1pm Ballylinan

(3 ceremonies)



Congratulations to the young people in Arles and Killeen who made their Confirmation last Saturday. We wish them all the best as they enter new schools and embrace new studies.

Parish Office & Shop

Tuesday & Friday 10am – 1pm

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If you wish to book a baptism, wedding, anniversary mass, please contact the Parish Office. Mass cards and religious items available in our parish shop.



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