



## Today's Mass Readings

### First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response:** Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

### Second Reading:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



# CONTACT



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10th October 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gospel Reflection

The reaction of the young man (in the gospel reading today) leads Jesus to develop a theme important for all forms of discipleship: earthly possessions can prove a great obstacle to growth of life in Christ.

The disciples were amazed, because many texts of the Old Testament seemed to imply that material wellbeing is a sign of God's blessing on a good life.

Our reading from Wisdom shows that old Israel was already looking beyond this point of view. The whole life of Jesus is a corrective of this superficial interpretation of God's ways.

His final words have a lesson for disciples, whatever the form of following to which they have been called – authentic fidelity is a gift of God, 'Everything is possible to God'.

Our reading from Hebrews can serve as a commentary on the call of Jesus to make our life decisions in the presence of the Father.

The 'Word of God' is a theme of great importance in the Old Testament. It is a Word that confronts believers with the ways of God. In Jesus we know the Word of God in person, a Word giving expression to the boundless love and generosity of the Father who calls each one of us.

John Thornhill sm



## 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.



# In Memoriam

## Anniversaries for 09 Oct / 10 Oct

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

Arles (10am):

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

(11.30am): Willie Cranny, (Months Mind).  
Peter Dunne, Carlow Road.

## Anniversaries for 16 Oct / 17 Oct

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Michael McDonald

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

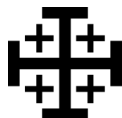


## Parish Office & Shop

Tuesday & Friday 10am – 1pm

arlesparish@gmail.com

*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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## Parish Contact Details

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## Weekly Collections

Sunday 03rd October

Arles: Offertory €235.23

Envelope €238.60

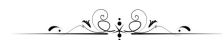
Ballylinan: Offertory €298.56

Envelope €173.00

Killeen: Offertory €142.77

Envelope €149.00

*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: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. ...

~ St. John XXIII ~



## Feast Days During the Week



**Monday 11th Oct: St. John XXIII**



**Friday 15th Oct: St. Teresa of Avila**

Teresa of Ávila, was a Spanish noblewoman who felt called to convent life in the Catholic Church. A Carmelite nun, prominent Spanish mystic, religious reformer, author, theologian of the contemplative life and of mental prayer, she earned the rare distinction of being declared a Doctor of the Church. She reformed the Carmelite Orders of both women and men. It led eventually to the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites.

Nada te turbe (Let nothing disturb you) is attributed to Teresa, having been found within her breviary.

*Let nothing disturb you.*

*Let nothing make you afraid.*

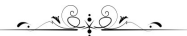
*All things are passing.*

*God alone never changes.*

*Patience gains all things.*

*If you have God you will want for nothing.*

*God alone suffices.*



# Congratulations!

*A big well done to all the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion last weekend in the parish. They were great!*

*We had four lovely ceremonies where the children participated in the homily answering all the questions about the mass; some lead us in prayer; and others participated in the Offertory procession bringing the gifts forward and setting the altar.*

*Many thanks to all who helped them reach this special day in their young lives and may the Lord's blessing be with them always.*



## The Autumn Dues Collection

The collectors books for the Autumn Dues are available in the sacristy of each church after mass from next weekend for the October station collection.

A sincere word of thanks to all our collectors who facilitate this collection, and to all who support it so generously.

## Would you like to work as a Health Care Support Assistant?

The HSE require Health Care Support Assistants (formally known as Home Helps) to provide care to clients in their own homes in the Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford & Wexford areas. If you would like more information on how you can join the team please check the job search section on www.hse.ie using reference code: SECH21HCSA to find out more details. Please note closing date is Monday 18th October at 12 noon and applications can only be accepted by email. For Carlow enquiries please contact Jennifer on (059) 9178023.