

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy



Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to

be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

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 Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord



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31st October 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection

Today we hear a very famous Gospel passage which we might dismiss easily because we feel we know it so well. Love God. Love your neighbour. It sounds simple, yet it can be so difficult. Loving God in our world today means being counter-cultural; often we are afraid to even admit that we are believers. Finding time for God can be impossible due to our hectic lifestyles; we are addicted to 'busy' and have become 'time poor'. Yet we can learn to see God in the everyday, right before us, in each task, in nature, in our friends and family. We might ask ourselves today, what prevents me from loving God, for making time for God in my life? For nourishing my relationship with God?



The love of neighbour which Jesus speaks of is a controversial love. It involves a love of people we don't know or like. It is a radical love of those that society want to dismiss: love of the migrant, love of the homeless family, love of the drug addict, love of the prisoner, love of the earth, love of the climate refugee. Love God and Love Neighbour – it sounds so simple yet these are the toughest, most radical lines in the Gospel. It sounds like two commandments and yet they are one, interconnected and inseparable, for to love God we must love our neighbour. And by loving our neighbour we are loving God. Today let us all ask ourselves how we can live more fully this great commandment and be a shining example of Christ's love in the world.



Jane Mellett

In Memoriam



Anniversaries for 30 Oct / 31 Oct

Killeen (9am): Michael & Patricia Daly
Liam & Gloria Cassidy
Arles (10am): Thomas & Bridget McLoughlin
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am): Frank McCarthy

Anniversaries for 01 Nov

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am): Margaret O'Dwyer, Monasterevin
Ballylinan (11.30am):

Anniversaries for 06 Nov / 07 Nov

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (7.30pm):
(11.30am): Eamon Kaye

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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Weekly Collections

Sunday 24th October

Arles:	Offertory	€135.63
	Envelope	€279.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€248.20
	Envelope	€183.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€150.10
	Envelope	€280.00

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



Winter Time Changes:

Saturday evening mass will be at 7.30pm from next weekend.



Feast of All Saints.

Monday (1st. Nov.) is a Holy Day. Mass times are as follows:

9am Killeen, 10am Arles & 11.30am Ballylinan

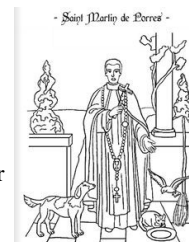


November Dead List

The November Dead list can be renewed during this month by contacting Mairead in the Parish Office (Tues & Fri 10am-1pm).

Prayer to St Martin De Porres. (Feast Day: this Wednesday, 3rd November)

Most humble St. Martin, whose burning charity embraces all, but especially those who are sick, afflicted, or in need, we turn to thee for help in our present difficulties and we implore thee to obtain for us from God health of soul and body, and in particular the favour we now ask ... (pause to ask favours). May we, by imitating thy charity and humility, find quiet and contentment all our days, and cheerful submission to God's holy will in all the trials and difficulties of life. Amen.



The sick and housebound in

Arles & Killeen will be attended next Thursday 4th November. Those in Ballylinan will be attended on Friday 5th November.

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Baptisms in December



Ballylinan: Sun. 5th Dec 12.15pm
Killeen: Sat. 18th Dec at 12pm.
Arles: Sat. 18th Dec at 1pm.

Please contact the Parish Office (059) 862 5456 with your details.

One months notice required.



Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre

AUTUMN ONLINE COURSES

All Courses are at 19.00-21.00 (Irish Time) on ZOOM

November 3, 10, 17, 24 Cost: €100

Celtic Spirituality: What is it? Has it any significance for life today?

There is a lot of talk today about Celtic Spirituality. But the question arises – what exactly is it? Does such a spirituality exist? Is it anything more than romantic nostalgia for a dead past? Who were the Celts? Can we access their spiritual insights? During this course some characteristics of Celtic life will be identified which might legitimately form the foundations for a renewed Celtic spirituality today.

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Facemasks are required to be worn for all our religious ceremonies in our three churches.

Thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

