



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us!
In deed we were glad.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes;

and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord



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5th December 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

The Two Parts of Advent:

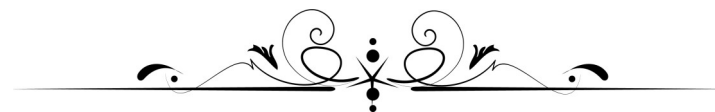
Part 1: up until December 16

While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a

continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Saviour. So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfilment or connection with the gospel.

Part 2: December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel. So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfilment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.



In Memoriam



Anniversaries for 04 Dec / 05 Dec

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Patrick & Mariah Kealy
Sean Kenna

Anita Brennan (2nd Anniv.) & her
parents James & Anna Kealy

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Paddy & Delia Fitzpatrick

(11.30am): Bridie & John Maher

Stephen & May Murphy

Anniversaries for 11 Dec / 12 Dec

Killeen (9am): Rita & Mick Farrell

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): George & Elizabeth Cranny

Harry & Molly Hyland

The sick and housebound in
Arles & Killeen will be attended
next Thursday 9th December.
Those in Ballylinan will be at-
tended on Friday 10th December.



We continue to wear a mask to protect
ourselves and others.



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Parish Shop

We have a selection of Christmas
items available in the shop.



Get them while stocks last!

Weekly Collections

Sunday 28th November

Arles:	Offertory	€143.15
	Envelope	€253.30
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€313.04
	Envelope	€140.80
Killeen:	Offertory	€115.45
	Envelope	€68.00

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

Arles Altar Society

Annual Christmas Flower Collec-
tion takes place on Sun. 12th Dec.

Your support is appreciated.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8th December.

Mass times are as follows:

9am Killeen, 10am Arles &

11.30am Ballylinan.



Feast Days During the Week

Monday 07th Dec: St. Ambrose

When in Rome, do as the Romans do.



**Friday 10th Dec: Blessed
Virgin Mary of Loreto**



First Holy Communion Dates

Ballylinan: 7th May (11am)

Killeen: 7th May (2pm)

Arles: 8th May (10am)

*We had intended to celebrate the
sacrament of First Confession before
Christmas but with the possible
arrival of a new Covid variant
NEPHET have advised that children's
gatherings should be limited. We
this in mind we have cancelled our
First Confessions and will reschedule
them in the New Year.*



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Killeen Altar Society

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St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Ballylinan Church next Weekend

11th & 12th Dec.

Please give generously.



Ballylinan N.S. Admissions 2022/23

Please note that applications for the
2022/23 school year will be open from
Thursday, 13th January to Friday, 4th Feb-
ruary 2022.

*Further information on how to apply will
be issued closer to the time. If you are
aware of anyone who may wish to enrol a
child for next year, please let them know
these dates.*

Killabban Monastery

Restoration Committee



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