



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading



A reading from the prophet
Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of
Zion, Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your
heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has re-
pealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies
away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your
midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusa-
lem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall
limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victo-
rious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he
will renew you by his love; he will dance with
shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Sing and shout for joy for great in your
midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second reading

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;
I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your
tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very
near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is any-
thing you need, pray for it, asking God for it with
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God,
which is so much greater than we can understand,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been
given to me. He has sent me to bring the good
news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we
do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he
must share with the man who has none, and the
one with something to eat must do the same.'
There were tax collectors too who came for bap-
tism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must
we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn,
'What about us? What must we do?' He said to
them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content
with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the
people, who were beginning to think that John
might be the Christ, so John declared before them
all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is
coming, someone who is more powerful than I
am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his san-
dals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and
fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his
threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will
never go out.' As well as this, there were many
other things he said to exhort the people and to
announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord



CONTACT



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12th December 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

Reflection

Take time for friendship, for love, for care,
for those activities that grow our friendship
and love with the people who mean a lot.

Take time these days for the poor, for en-
suring that someone's Christmas will be
better because of your generosity.

Then the songs will be full and the gifts
will be a reminder of love, and Santa, the
friend of children, will be like the Christ-
child.

Then love for God and others will come to
birth at Christmas.

Donal Neary SJ



*Loving God,
On this Advent
day we turn to
you in prayer.*

*As we prepare to
celebrate the
birth of your Son, we ask your blessing
on each of us.*

*Open our hearts to the good news that
you bring to us and help us to welcome
your light into our lives, a light that
gives us the gift of joy.*

*May your joy fill our heart, our mind
and our home.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Come, Lord Jesus.



In Memoriam



Anniversaries for 11 Dec / 12 Dec

Killeen (9am): Rita & Mick Farrell
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (7.30pm):
(11.30am): George & Elizabeth Cranny
Harry & Molly Hyland

Anniversaries for 18 Dec / 19 Dec

Killeen (9am): Carol Miller (Months Mind)
John, Edward & Elizabeth Kelly, Tierernane.
Liam Byrne & Pauline O'Shea
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (7.30pm):
(11.30am): Kevin Whelan (Months Mind)

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.

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.”

~ Mother Teresa ~

Love: A Fruit Always in Season

Parish Shop

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



Get them while stocks last!

Weekly Collections

Sunday 5th December

Arles:	Offertory	€256.43
	Envelope	€358.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€244.10
	Envelope	€216.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€87.19
	Envelope	€259.00

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

Arles Altar Society

Annual Christmas Flower Collection takes place on today (Sun. 12th Dec).



Your support is appreciated.



Killeen Altar Society
Annual Christmas Flower Collection takes place today (Sunday 12th Dec).

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St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Ballylinan Church this 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 February 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

For Sale

High quality Christmas cards depicting monastery scenes have been commissioned and printed.



Pack of 7 cards for €10.00.

Available from

Liam Delaney 087 6471134

Henry Byrne 085 7429346

John Moran 086 8363790.



Christmas Mass Programme 2021

Christmas Eve

(24th December)

Ballylinan 7pm

NEPHET have advised that children's gatherings should be limited. We this in mind we have cancelled our Children's Mass

Arles 9pm



Christmas Day

(25th December)

Killeen - 9am

Arles - 10am

Ballylinan - 11.30am

St. Stephen's Day

(26th December)

Killeen – 9am

Arles - 10am

Ballylinan – 11.30am

Feast Days During the Week

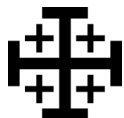
Monday 13th Dec: St. Lucy

Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.



Tuesday 14th Dec: St. John of the Cross

In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved.



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