

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of

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tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.' This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord



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16th January 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Wedding at Cana

Marys' greatness is that she points and leads us to Jesus through her own word and example. She is not asking us to do anything she has not already done herself. She does not seek or ask for any attention for herself. At this family wedding in Cana at which Mary and Jesus were invited guests', Mary is concerned about the young couple not herself.

She knows that soon there will be no wine; and at a Jewish wedding this is a cause of great shame and embarrassment. How did she see and notice that there was no wine? She quietly and without fuss or drama approaches Jesus.

She explains the situation to him and he seems to dismiss her; but she is not giving up that easy! She then goes to servants and confidently tells them, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

This small but amazingly powerful statement echoes down the centuries to us today. Mary caught the attention of the servants at the wedding and she is trying to catch our attention today. I can see her standing beside me today and gently pointing to Jesus and whispering to me, 'just do whatever he tells and asks you.'

What is Jesus asking us to do? He is inviting us to follow him, he is asking us to love each other as he loves us and he is asking us to forgive each other. He is asking us to live like him in our ordinary daily lives; he is asking to reach out and to care for those who are poor, homeless, alone and hungry.

He is asking us to be his followers and disciples. How do we do this? By following the example of Mary who did what God asked her to do! Today, may we listen to Mary, and do what Jesus asks each of us to do.

– Br Michael Moore OMI



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 16 Jan 2022

Killeen (9am): Angela Wall, Gurteen, & deceased members of the Wall family.

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

Denis, Christina & Bernadette Murphy

Eamon Behan, Oldcourt

The Hutchinson & O'Dwyer families.

(11.30am): John McHugh, Altona.

Bridie Ryan & deceased members of the Ryan family.

Anniversaries for 23 Jan 2022

Killeen (9am): Jimmy Moran, Ballinagar

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Billy Coogan (Months Mind)

(11.30am): Tony, Cissie & Sr. Nora Kaye.

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



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



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Weekly Collections

Sunday 9th January

Arles:	Offertory	€195.38
	Envelope	€232.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€295.54
	Envelope	€184.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€280.78
	Envelope	€174.00

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

Parish Office

Our Parish Office will be closed this coming week. It will re-open on Tuesday 25th January at 10am.

Please Note

The recitation of the Rosary and the celebration of our weekday morning mass will not take place this week. It will resume on Tuesday 25th Jan.



Arles National School

Arles N.S. will be accepting applications for admission from Thursday 13th January to Thursday 3rd February 2022 inclusive. Please see our website for our Admission Policy, Annual Admission Notice and Application Form. Should you wish a to have a hardcopy please send an email to principal@arlesnationalschool.ie or by writing to the school – Arles N.S., Ballickmoyler, Co. Laois R93HY62

School Retreats available at Knock Shrine



We are delighted to announce that the Youth Ministry at Knock Shrine will resume school retreats throughout 2022. School retreats are available to both primary and secondary schools and offer students a meaningful, spiritually uplifting day to reflect within themselves and experience quality time with their fellow students. Retreat programmes are flexible and can be tailored to suit your group's needs or time limitations.

If you would like to plan a school retreat, please get in touch with a member of our Youth Ministry team:

T: (094) 93 75321

E: youthministry@knockshrine.ie or find out more at www.knockshrine.ie/news

Vocations



Could He be calling you to serve Him as a priest?

Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill

vocations@kandle.ie,
www.kandlepriest.com

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.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will begin on Tuesday next, 18 January, and last until 25 January. The theme this year is "We saw the star in the East, and we come to worship him" (Mt 2:2). In this fragile and uncertain world, we look for light. We look for the good within ourselves, but often we are so overwhelmed by our weakness that hope fails us. Our confidence rests in God, who in wisdom, enables us to hope for his mercy. We are surprised when it comes in human form: Christ is the light in our midst! God's gift to us is a 'spirit of power, and love'. We are drawn forward on the way to this perfect light by God's Holy Spirit, not by relying on our own strength and ability. In the midst of darkness, the star from the East penetrates the depths of the darkness that separates us from one another. The star's light continues to shine and to change the face of history. Throughout the ages, by the lives of Christ's followers, the world has come to know the hope that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. And the Risen One continues to shine, like a beacon guiding all into this perfect light and overcoming the darkness which separates us from one another. The desire to overcome the darkness that separates us compels us to pray and work for Christian unity.

Prayer

Creator of light, illumine our path by the light of Christ who moves before us and leads us. May he be a beacon for our pilgrimage. Enlighten us and dwell within us. Guide us to

discover a manger in our hearts where a great light still shines. We thank you for the gift of that unfading Star, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Heal our divisions and draw us closer to the Light that we may find our unity in him. Amen.

