



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; 'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Second Reading

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

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and

the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord



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2nd January 2022

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Feast of Epiphany,
January 6th



Chalking the Door of the Home on Epiphany

An Epiphany tradition in parts of Europe is for people to write a special sign in chalk over their front door, as a reminder of the Magi that visited the baby Jesus. It's made using the year split in two, with the initials of the names that are sometimes given to the Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, in the middle. So 2022 is written as: 20+C+M+B+22. The initials CMB also stand for the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: 'May Christ bless the house'. The inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless the home and be with all those who dwell in it throughout the year.

Prayer as you chalk the lintel of your front door

Gather at the front door of your home.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. God of Light, bless our home. Make it a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. And when we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star. We mark our door with the symbols of the Magi. **20 + C + M + B + 22** May all who enter throughout the year find love and light; for Christ has come to dwell in this home and in our hearts. Amen.

Having marked your door you may now like to place the Magi figures at the crib while praying the following:

Loving Jesus, may we be like the Magi and always look for you in our lives. Be with us, protect us and guide us. Help us to always show your love to one another and to all in need. Amen.



In Memoriam



Anniversaries for 2 Jan 2022

- Killeen (9am): Mary Kate Byrne, Grange.
Arles (10am): William Fitzpatrick, 1st Anniversary
Thomas & Christopher Bolton, The Strand.
Mick & Kitty Byrne, Ballickmoyler
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Phyllis Flynn
Margaret Freeman, Borris.
Joe Kelly & family, The Pike
(11.30am): Eoin Julian, 6th Anniversary
Barbara Lammon

Anniversaries for 9 Jan 2022

- Killeen (9am): Tom & Peggy Fitzpatrick
Kathleen Dunne & deceased members
of the Dunne family
Kathleen Connolly nee Thornton,
Ballyfoyle
Arles (10am): Lily Lawlor and her parents Bill &
Ann Doran
Edward Doogue, 17th anniversary
Jim Scully
Michael & Vera O'Shea
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Josie Dunne
Thomas Walsh, Carlow Road
Patrick Mc Evoy, Rahin
(11.30am):



Parish Office & Shop



*The Parish Office will reopen again at
10am on Tuesday 4th January.*

*Thanks to you all for using the Office and
Shop over the past year.*

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.*

Christmas Station Collection

Thank you for your kindness
and support



Safeguarding

DLP: Mick Daly, mobile number 085-8021633 and email:
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Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



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



Feast of the Epiphany



Thursday 6th January

Mass times:

Killeen 9am, Arles 10am &

Ballylinan 11.30am



Congratulations and good wishes to:

Deirdre Wall & Anthony Gubbins

who were married on 27th Dec 2021

in St. Abban's Church, Killeen.

&

Denise Mulhare & Seamus Treacy

who were married on 29th Dec 2021

in St. Abban's Church, Killeen.



*We wish both couples many
more happy years together and
God's blessing in your home.*

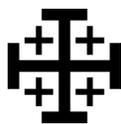
A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, thank you so much for all that you
have done for me, my friends, and my
family. Your hand on our lives is so
much more than we could ask for, and
your blessings are so greatly appreciat-
ed. I know, Lord, that you have seen our
challenges, wept at our weaknesses, and
rejoiced in our successes.

We have now entered a new year. You
know I have made resolutions to change
the areas of my life that need it, and I
ask for your strength to make those
changes. I ask for your continued bless-
ings and guidance to make me more like
you, to walk better in your path, this
year.

I also ask, Lord, for your continued
blessings on those around me. I ask that
this year be one of peace and joy for my
family and friends. I ask that you con-
tinue to be a presence in all of our lives.
I ask that you give each of us a heart for
you and a desire to serve to make the
world a better place. I also ask for peace
and blessings on those far from home,
for those who suffer, and for those who
need you a little more each day.

Thank you, Lord, for all you do in my
life and for all your continued blessings
and love. Amen.



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