

First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. 'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. 'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My lips will tell of your help.

Second Reading

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

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The

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knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord



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30th January 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Brigid's Day - Tuesday 1st February

St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.
Bless every foot that walks portals through.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.



Prayer to St. Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

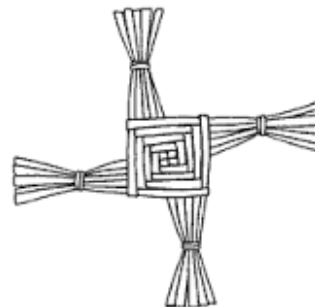
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen



In Memoriam

We pray for: Margaret Brennan, Arles who died during the last week.

Anniversaries for 30 Jan 2022

Killeen (9am): James Julian, Grange.

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Ita, Denis & John Joe Hyland, Boley.

(11.30am): Dick Donohoe & his parents Ellen & Denis.

Wednesday 2nd February (10am):

Tom McDonnell, Carlow Road, Ballylinan

Anniversaries for 06 Feb 2022

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

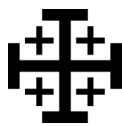
Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): Margaret Bambrick

Wednesday 9th February (10am): Mary & Peter Farrell.

Sick and Housebound

Fr. Pdraig will attend those in the Arles are on Thursday morning (4th Feb), and those in Killeen & Ballylinan areas on Friday morning 4th Feb.



Fr. Pdraig Shelley PP (059) 914 7637

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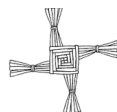
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Blessing Prayer of St. Brigid

(1st Feb. 2022)



As you begin, name any prayer intention you have,

while including protection and healing from COVID-19 and the intentions of the people of our parish & diocese.



Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael,
may your protection never fail.
Spread your mantle over me,
where 'ere I am, where 'ere I be.
Cover me with God's joy and
peace,

let my faith and hope never cease.
Shine your light where there is darkness,
strengthen me in any weakness.
Heal all within that may be ill,
give me the desire each day to do God's will.

'Till I rest, my journey o'er,
with God and you forever more.
St. Brigid, patron of Kildare and Leighlin,

Pray for us.

"Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away."

~Arthur Helps~

Thursday 3rd Feb

Feast of St. Blaise

A Blessing of Throats



Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr,

May the Lord free you from ailments of the throat and from any other evil.

In the name of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.



You will have an opportunity to have your throat blessed at our morning mass on Thursday (10am). All are welcome.

Presentation of the Lord

This Wednesday, (2nd Feb.) we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord with a **blessing of candles for home and church use**. We draw upon the hope filled tradition of having a blessed candle in our churches and homes as a symbol of the light of Christ.



If you would like to have candles blessed, please bring some along to that mass.



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

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2022

7 Night Pilgrimage Package

14 - 21 September

Cost: €775 early Booking Discount of €50 before 31st Jan 2022



Flight: Shannon to Mostar

Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland cc

Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305

Tour operators Marian Pilgrimages



Ballylinan Community Alert

Seniors Alert Scheme

If you or anybody you are aware of in our community could benefit from this scheme please do not hesitate to contact Theresa - 085 1126585.

Eva Pannett School of Irish Dancing

Now enrolling for beginners boys and girls, age 4+.

Registration evening is taking place on 10th Feb from 6-6.30pm in St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan.



Classes start on 17th Feb at 6-6.45pm.

Contact Eva on 087-3144402

Safeguarding

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