

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free

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from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

The Gospel of the Lord



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9th January 2022

The Baptism of the Lord



Baptism of the Lord

The baptism of Jesus immerses him in the life of the people. He joined the queue of people for John’s baptism, wanting to share the joys and sorrows of his people. In the depths of the water he entered into the depths of his own humanity and the depths of his people.

Fully part of us

We could say that Jesus has entered into that part of all of us which laughs and sings, dances and cries, feels for the sick and the suffering, desires the best for self and others; nothing human is foreign to him as he was baptised into the life of his people and the God of his ancestors.

At our baptism he enters fully into our lives. At the time when we are most vulnerable, the church and our family celebrate the love of God for us, and that God will call us into his service. At baptism we are twice anointed – once with the protection of God, and then anointed for service. The words spoken to Jesus are spoken for all of us – you are my son, my daughter, the beloved – my favour rests on you.

Men and Women for others

Baptism in the Jordan gave Jesus the start and strength for his service of God’s people. Our baptism gives a grace and help we can call on any time to give our lives as best we can in God’s service in the service of others. We are called to be men and women for others, as Jesus was a man of love for all whom he met.

Lord teach me to be generous, to give and not to count the cost, for fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward, save only that of knowing that I do your holy will (Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola).

Donal Neary SJ

In Memoriam

We pray for: Paul Day, 16 Radharc Alainn, Arles who died during the past week.

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):

Anniversaries for 16 Jan 2022

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Denis, Christina & Bernadette Murphy
Eamon Behan, Oldcourt
(11.30am): John McHugh, Altona.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 2nd January

Arles:	Offertory	€179.01
	Envelope	€271.50
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€291.31
	Envelope	€150.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€122.67
	Envelope	€108.00

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

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.



Christmas Collection

Thank You

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to all our collections over the Christmas and during the past year. Your kindness is much appreciated in these difficult times.



JOBSEEKERS

Kildare Local Employment Service is currently offering our free service via telephone, email and video calls to job seekers who are unemployed or in part time employment and wishing to upskill or return to the work force. We are now offering online training in Manual handling which is free to registered clients. We can help with funding towards training, referral to training courses and employment initiatives. We also provide a one to one adult Career Guidance, interview skills and CV preparation service. (eligibility criteria applies, phone your local office, register online at <https://www.cokildareles.ie/online-registration/> or send a WhatsApp or text message to Teresa at 0877646794 you can also email Teresa

at teresacave@cokildareles.ie to check eligibility). We also provide a direct link to actively recruiting employers.

We have offices based in Naas 045895555, Newbridge 045435666 Leixlip 016245414, Athy 0598632685 and Teach Dara, Kildare 045521950.

Get in touch and we will be delighted to talk to you.

EMPLOYERS: Advertise your vacancy free of charge by calling Teresa on 045895555

*When I was young, I admired clever people.
Now that I am old, I admire kind people.
~Abraham Heschel~*

Our Parish Website

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For latest notices; scripture readings for each day and the following Sunday; mass times; photo galleries; contact numbers; donation details to support our parish; advice on preparing for sacraments etc.



Vocations

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

Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill

vocations@kandle.ie,
www.kandlepriest.com

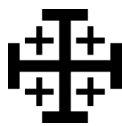
COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



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.



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