

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Second Reading

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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13th February 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How Happy



What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: 'How happy are you who are poor'. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first

and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever.

Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six 'new Beatitudes' for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' 'new Beatitudes' include: Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Triona Doherty



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 13 Feb 2022

Killeen (9am): Ann Kelly, Tierernane, 1st anniversary
Bernie Kelly

Arles (10am): Jimmy O'Shea & his parents James & Mary
Kathleen Wall, Ballinagall & Mary Koster McLoughlin

Evelyn Kenny (1st Anniv), her husband Denis and son Jude

Ballylinan (7.30pm):
(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 20 Feb 2022

Killeen (9am): Margaret & Thomas Myron and deceased relatives
John, Kathleen & Michael McDonald
Paddy Dooley

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm):
(11.30am): Annie McDonnell
Joanna Doyle

Mary's Meals – Move for Meals



International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are launching a new fundraising campaign for the months of February and March. "Move for Meals" encourages supporters to set themselves a challenge and get active, while raising funds for children living in poverty.

While just €18.30 feeds a child for an entire school year, every fundraising effort, no matter how big or small will have a huge impact. So, would you or your family organise a sponsored walk? Would your friends be up for more of a challenge? Are you part of a fitness club that needs some new year's motivation? Would your colleagues be interested in a team building day, such as going on a hike and raising funds in the process? Just visit www.marysmeals.ie to see how you can get involved or call Trish on 086 3140814



Baptisms in March



Ballylinan: Sun. 6th Mar.
Killeen: Sat. 19th Mar. at 12pm. Arles: Sat. 19th Mar. at 1pm.

Please contact the Parish Office (059) 862 5456 with your details.

Pre-Marriage Courses



Couples getting married in the summer or autumn of 2022 should book their course now.

Accord Carlow have some places available on some of their existing courses.

Bookings can be made on line at www.accord.ie. For further information please contact Mary 059 9138738.

Community Employment Scheme Vacancy: Ballylinan Ballyadams CE Scheme recruiting for a Caretaker Position for Luggacurren Church & Hall. Jobs Ireland Ref : CES-2211370. Phone 087 2232515 for further information

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Vocations



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

Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill
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www.kandlepriest.com

Weekly Collections

Sunday 6th February

Arles:	Offertory	€ 122.09
	Envelope	€ 222.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€ 268.35
	Envelope	€ 427.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€ 115.67
	Envelope	€ 226.00

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



This year's Lenten campaign will highlight how Covid-19 has impacted communities in Zimbabwe who were already facing significant challenges due to climate change and food insecurity. We hear the story of Thandekile and her two children, her daughter Nomatter and son Forward, and how Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on their family. We also hear how Thandekile shows courage, hope and strength in the face of these challenges.

"In the spirit of faith and in the spirit of humanity, I want to appreciate the support of the people of Ireland. And I would say that we have nothing much to give you back, we are always grateful to you, and every Sunday, when our people gather, we can assure you of our prayers for your generosity. I can only encourage you all to keep this partnership in the spirit of our faith." (Archbishop Alex Thomas - Archdiocese of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe)



Exciting employment opportunity at the Sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal

Applications are invited for an Operations Manager which is a key leadership role in delivering the Mission and Vision of Lough Derg, responsible for the smooth running of all day to day operational activities at the pilgrimage centre. For further details and Application Pack contact Mary at +353 7198 61518 or mary@loughderg.org



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