

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading



A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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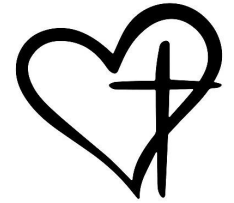
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27th February 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some thoughts on today's scripture...

God sees the heart and always will. We may put on a great show of words and actions, but it is what is at the root of these that is so visible to God. Focusing on the faults of others, no matter how true, take the focus off our own.



As Fr Tony de Mello used to say, "when I change, my whole world changes". Not only that, but when I change, other people are likely to change; and even if they do not, my attitude towards them will not be the same. To quote Fr de Mello again, "Attitude is everything" - my attitude.



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 27 Feb 2022

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Margaret Brennan (Months Mind) and her parents William & Margaret, and her bother Vincent

Patrick & Margaret Moore

Patrick Condon, Old Leighlin.

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Esther Brennan, Gavin Brennan & James Davis.

Bridget & Frank Whelan

Michael & Sarah Loughman

May Delaney, Glosna.

(11.30am): Harry Hovenden

Lucy Bannan (nee Harris)

Anniversaries for 06 March 2022

Killeen (9am): Mary Kelly

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Kitty Kelly & the Kelly family, The Pike.

Kitty Farrell

(11.30am):

Today we welcome the First Communion Children as they gather for their Parish Preparation Programme Mass.



We keep them in our prayers



First Confessions

The children in each of our three schools will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during

the month of March:

Arles NS: Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles.

Ballylinan NS: Wednesday 9th March in St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan.

Killeen NS: Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm in St. Abban's Church, Killeen.

Let us keep them all in our prayers this week.

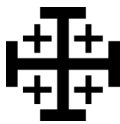


A Prayer from the Trócaire Parish Lenten Resources 2022

Praise Be to You, Creator of All Things. Come to us, dear Lord and plant the seeds of compassion in our hearts and grant our leaders wisdom to make the changes we need to see, so that your earth and your people can thrive as you planned. Reach out your loving arms to all your brothers and sisters, and renew our love for you, our planet, and all living creatures. Grant us peace in our hearts as we remain hopeful for change. Guide us with presence as we continue to commit ourselves to work for climate justice.

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Weekly Collections

Sunday 20th February

Arles: Offertory € 240.83

Envelope € 214.00

Ballylinan: Offertory € 204.70

Envelope € 164.50

Killeen: Offertory € 160.96

Envelope € 74.00

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

Applications are invited for the position of cleaner in St. Abban's National School.



15 hours approximately per week. Flexible hours.

Apply in writing to:

Mary English Chairperson

St. Abban's NS,

Killeen, Maganey, Co. Laois.

Closing Date : 4th March.

Envelope Boxes and Trócaire boxes will be distributed throughout the parish over the next fortnight or so.



The envelope collection is the primary way of supporting our parish.

Many thanks to those who continue to offer their support in these difficult times.

A sincere word of thanks also to all our distributors for giving up their time to help distribute the boxes.

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.



Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday (2nd March), the beginning of Lent.

Mass times are as follows:

Killeen: 9am

Arles: 10am & Ballylinan: 11.30am

Blessed Ashes will be distributed at our masses.

Loving Jesus, as I place on my forehead the sign of your saving cross. You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.



Walking into Lent my heart is set on you. May my fasting fill me with hunger for you, May my prayer draw me deeper into your presence. May my acts of charity bring your love to my home and parish.

Lord of life, grant that by turning back to you in these forty days I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith; for you raise me up from fear and despair and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always. With you, I will rise again.

Amen.