



# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

## First reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

## Second Reading

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

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich

enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord



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1st Sunday of Lent

## The Season of Lent



In the early Church, Lent was the process developed to welcome new members. As they prepared themselves, a season before Easter evolved of renewal for the already baptized and confirmed. This is what we now call Lent, from the Latin for springtime: new or renewed life.

Lent is about believing in the possibility of love, of God's dream of reconciliation, of restoration, of people living together with all creatures and creation, in love. And yes, Lent is about what we can and must do to allow the Spirit to pierce our hearts with the arrow of God's fiery, passionate love.

We don't mark one another with ashes to be morose about our sinfulness and mortality or to defy the Gospel warning against performing religious acts just to be noticed. Rather, a



smudgy cross mark reminds us God's love is for real: we come from God and are destined for Him. The cross is a sign seared into our souls that can never be eradicated!

We pray, fast, and give generously to signal our conviction that we live together in the power of Christ's resurrection victory of love. That's the joy and the hope that infuse this entire season of Lent!

Father Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R.



## In Memoriam

### Anniversaries for 06 March 2022

Killeen (9am): Mary Kelly  
Arles (10am):  
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Kitty Kelly & the Kelly family, The Pike.  
Kitty Farrell  
Gerry Connors, Dublin  
(11.30am):

### Anniversaries for 13 March 2022

Killeen (9am): James, Annie & Jack Dooley  
Arles (10am):  
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Liam Brennan  
(11.30am): George, Nancy & Sr. Rita Cranny



### 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 at 7.30pm 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.*



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### Weekly Collections

#### Sunday 27th February

Arles:	Offertory	€ 219.05
	Envelope	€ 219.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€ 308.69
	Envelope	€ 245.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€ 266.73
	Envelope	€ 421.00

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

### Sick and Housebound

Fr. Pdraig will attend those in the Arles are on Thursday (10th March), and those in Killeen & Ballylinan areas on Friday (11th 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.*

## 'With a heart broken,' Pope prays for peace in Ukraine

Pope Francis said his heart was "broken" by the war in Ukraine, and he pleaded again, "Silence the weapons!"

"Many times, we prayed that this path would not be taken," he told people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the midday recitation of the Angelus prayer Feb. 27. But rather than giving up, he said, "we beg God more intensely." With many of the people in the square holding Ukrainian flags, Pope Francis greeted them the way they traditionally greet each other, "Slava Isusu Chrystu," meaning, "Glory to Jesus Christ."

Pope Francis has continued to personally express his concern about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and to appeal for peace. The previous



evening, he phoned Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Zelenskyy tweeted that he had thanked Pope Francis "for praying for peace in Ukraine and a cease-fire. The Ukrainian people feel the spiritual support of His Holiness." The Ukrainian Embassy to the Holy See tweeted, "The Holy Father expressed his deepest sorrow for the tragic events happening in our country." The call to Zelenskyy came a day after Pope Francis made the diplomatically unusual gesture of going to the Russian Embassy to the Holy See to express his concern about the war. Usually, a head of state would have an ambassador come to him.

Pope Francis also had phoned Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halych, the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, who remained in Kyiv with his people, taking refuge with others in the basement of Resurrection Cathedral and sending out daily videos of encouragement. As Feb. 27 dawned with people under a curfew and many still sheltering in basements and subway stations, Archbishop Shevchuk promised that priests would be joining them underground to celebrate the Sunday Divine Liturgy. "The church is with its people," he said. "The church of Christ brings the eucharistic Savior to those who are experiencing critical moments in their life, who need the strength and hope of the resurrection." And he called on anyone who could to go to confession and receive the Eucharist, remembering those unable to go to services and, especially, the Ukrainian soldiers defending the nation. But also, he said, make a "sacrifice for those who are wounded, for those who are discouraged, for the refugees who are on the roads" fleeing the war.

Speaking after the Angelus prayer, Pope Francis also remembered the Ukrainians in the bunkers and those fleeing the war, especially "the elderly, those seeking refuge in these hours, mothers fleeing with their children. They are our brothers and sisters for whom humanitarian corridors must be opened as a matter of urgency and who must be welcomed."

"In these days we've been shaken by something tragic: war," he told the people in the square. One who wages war, he said, is not and cannot be thinking about people, but is putting "partisan interests and power before everything." One who wages war "relies on the diabolical and perverse logic of weapons, which is the furthest thing from God's will, and distances himself from the ordinary people who want peace," the pope said. In every conflict "the ordinary people are the real victims" and they "pay for the folly of war with their own skin."

"With a heart broken by what is happening in Ukraine — and let's not forget the wars in other parts of the world, such as Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia — I repeat: Silence the weapons!" Pope Francis said. "God is with the peacemakers," he said, "not with those who use violence."