



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants.' Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading

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

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord



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13th March 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent

The Mountain Top

A mountain top experience might be defined as a heightened experience that surprises and that points beyond itself. It is sacramental in nature; a spiritual experience that changes the heart and soul of those who experience it. It is usually deeply challenging and the best mountain top experiences usually lead to a change in behaviour.

One of the most famous mountain top experiences was that of Martin Luther King Jr. We don't know where or when it happened but he spoke about it in this way in 1963, "We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land".

Today's Gospel challenges us to examine our own mountain top experiences. What have they taught us about ourselves? What did they teach us about God? But perhaps the most important question; what did they inspire us to do?

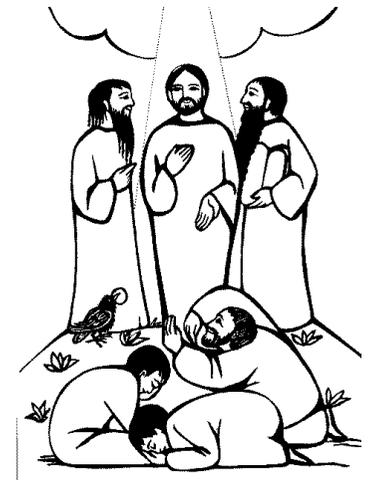
A mountain top experience doesn't continue indefinitely; at some stage, we all have to come down from the mountain and live back in the world; challenging it and changing it as we ourselves have been challenged and changed by love.

Mountain top experiences – any deep encounter with the God of love – challenge us to love others as we have been loved.

Through faith, we can recognize the face of the risen Lord in those who ask for our love. Pope Benedict shared with us some years ago that "it is faith that enables us to recognize Christ and it is his love that impels us to assist him whenever he becomes our neighbour along the journey of life." (Porta Fidei, 14)

So through our 'mountain top experiences' this Lent, may we be renewed as people of faith to live lives that seek to bring your love to those most in need.

Fr. Joe Walsh,



In Memoriam

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

John, Katie & Maureen Kelly, Aughanure

Norah Byrne

Tuesday 15th: Matt & Mary Leonard

Anniversaries for 17 March 2022

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Jimmy Myron

Ballylinan (11.30am):

Anniversaries for 20 March 2022

Killeen (9am): John & Jane Doherty

Arles (10am): Paddy Brennan, The Strand.

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am):



First Confessions

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

Let us keep them all in our prayers this week.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 6th March

Arles: Offertory € 195.17

Envelope € 393.00

Ballylinan: Offertory € 244.77

Envelope € 319.00

Killeen: Offertory € 264.81

Envelope € 82.00

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

Arles NS Parents' Association

Easter Cake Sale

Arles Parents' Association are pleased to announce the return of our annual Easter Cake Sale. The Cake Sale will take place on Easter Sunday Morning, April 17th following 10am Mass in Arles Hall.

A raffle will take place on the morning also with raffle tickets for sale in the hall.

Ukraine Appeal

Throughout the weeks of Lent, Arles NS Parents' Association are organising a collection for the families in need in Ukraine. Any-one wishing to donate are welcome to drop items/donations into the school or to any member of the parents' association. Please contact the school on 0599147731 for further information.

Graigecullen Bingo.

Tuesday 15th March at 8.30pm

in St. Fiaccs Hall.

Over €8,500 in prizemoney to be won.
FREE draw for Hampers with every Lotto ticket. Great prizes, bring a friend!!



St. Patrick's Day Mass Times



9am Killeen

10am Arles

11.30am Ballylinan



Ukraine Appeal



This Lent we invite you to join with Bishop Denis and parishes across the diocese each day by lighting a candle and praying the prayer for peace in Ukraine and in our world.

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen

We continue to hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers

for peace and stability in the region.

Along with our prayers a special collection will be taken up at all Masses in our parish on the weekend of Sunday 27th March. This collection will be part of a wider National Collection in Catholic parishes on that weekend throughout Ireland to help the people of Ukraine.

Your support for our *Parish Collection for Ukraine* would be much appreciated.



Bring Peace

Parish Collection for Ukraine

Taken up at all our weekend masses on

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th March



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