



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'" The Gospel of the Lord



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27th March 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

A Prayer for the Lost and the Prodigal

As believers we know where true hope is found. We're grateful for the love and forgiveness of Christ. We've been set free. Redeemed for His purposes.

And yet not everyone shares our desire to walk close and stay connected to God in this life. There are some we love who have pushed away any need of Him, they've chosen another path. And maybe they've bought into the lie; that other things can satisfy. Maybe out of hurt or misunderstandings, they've walked away. Broken relationships, pride, or harsh words may lead some to stay distant. There's a deep rift that seems almost impossible to ever reach.

They might even be right there beside us, a part of our family, or live in our homes, but spiritually, their hearts are far away... Lost. Wandering. Searching. Drifting.

No matter what the reason, or how far gone one seems to have travelled, it doesn't change this one truth. God's love reaches. It's never too short to save, He's never too weary of extending more grace. His power is limitless. His forgiveness is endless. The very reason Christ came was to seek and to save that which was lost. He came to reach. It's what He does best. And the arm of the Lord is mighty and strong.

Yet sometimes, we lose our hope. We don't see how anything will ever change. The answer doesn't come. Maybe we get tired of praying. Of waiting. Or we fear for the future and eternal security of those we love most in this world.

We understand the reality that no one is guaranteed tomorrow. That deep burden can so tug at our souls, press on our minds, it's hard to move forward in faith.

God's hope for us this season... He is Able. Keep on praying. Don't lose heart. Don't give up. Know and believe that He is at work, often behind the scenes where we can't see. He's ordering steps. Arranging appointments. He's protecting and shielding. He's covering and caring. He desires for all to come to Him and will stop at nothing to draw our loved ones to Himself.

Prayer is powerful. And praying God's Word over those we love is speaking His Truth over their lives, as it builds our own faith. We don't have to pray from an attitude of fear and worry, but we can pray strong prayers in the authority of Christ our Lord.

Debbie McDaniel



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 27 March 2022

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Tony Kennedy

Seamus McDonald, Ballickmoyler

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Liam Davis

Eddie & Betty Lacey

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 3 April 2022

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Margaret & Tom Cranny

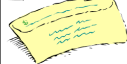


Don't forget that our Saturday evening mass will change time from next weekend onwards to 8pm for Summer-

time. Thank you.

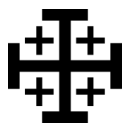
Envelope Boxes

Offering Envelopes



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

Thank you



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Weekly Collections

Sunday 20th March

Arles: Offertory € 121.29

Envelope € 559.00

Ballylinan: Offertory € 222.41

Envelope € 240.00

Killeen: Offertory € 127.69

Envelope € 424.00

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



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Opening Hours

Tuesday: 10am—1pm, Friday: 10am—1pm

Consecration of Russia and Ukraine



Bishop Denis will lead a service in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow on Friday 25 March at 6.30pm

in unity with Pope Francis' Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to The Immaculate Heart of Mary. You can access the prayer of consecration here [https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-03/pope-francis-prayer-act-consecration-russia-ukaine-mary.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-03/pope-francis-prayer-act-consecration-russia-ukraine-mary.html) and are invited to tune in via webcam <https://carlowcathedral.ie/webcam/>

Parish Collection for Ukraine



Bring Peace

Taken up at all our weekend masses this weekend:

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th March

Thank you for your support.

Prayer for Ukraine

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.



DO YOU WANT TO WIN MONEY

Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday
29th March, St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €3850

Double number €950

Lotto €1050

**BREAST
CANCER
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researching a cure

Breast Health Awareness
Outreach Programme for
UPMC Outreach Centre,
Carlow

When: Thursday, 7th of April (45-min session)

Where: UPMC Outreach Centre, Merchant House, Shamrock Plaza, Carlow. R93 E4E3

Session 1: 14:00, Session 2: 16:00, Session 3: 18:30

The speaker will discuss the signs and symptoms of Breast cancer, How to check your breast and will have a mannequin on the day for anyone who wishes to palpate and feel the difference between normal and abnormal breast tissue.

Contact Miriam Griffin, email griffinm8@upmc.ie or phone 059 9140236 for details. Places are limited.