

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold

the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' **Alleluia!**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord



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24th April 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

An Easter Reflection

Springtime

Your message of hope
to a world tiring of winter's starkness
longing for that first crocus
to push through snow's icy blanket
and spread its leaves
like arms outstretched
to its creator
Springtime

Our yearly reminder, if we needed one
that to a world that was dark and cold
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth
you sent your Son
to break through sin's icy blanket
and, arms outstretched
on a cross
he brought us
hope
Thank you



There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.' Springtime is a season of optimism and hope and the Christian lives a faith centred on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.

We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord for the hope that you bring, the renewal that you bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

John Birch (www.faithandworship.com)



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 24 April 2022

Killeen (9am): Pat Leigh (Months Mind)

Ann McDonald

Kathleen & Patrick Walsh

Arles (10am): Colm (Collie) Kennedy

Tony Noctor, Arles

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Mary Barcoe (Months Mind)

John & Elizabeth Byrne

James, Elizabeth, J.J. & Paddy Brennan,
Clonpierce

Sean Kealy

Anniversaries for 01 May 2022

Killeen (9am): Annie & William Dooley

Joe Mahon, Gurteen (2nd Anniv)

Arles (10am): Patrick Bolton (50th Anniv) & his
wife, Kathleen (20th Anniv)

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):



Xavier Society for the Blind

Based in New York City have been providing free braille and audio materials to blind and visually impaired people worldwide since 1900. Our materials are spiritual and inspirational, mostly in the Catholic tradition. Over the last 122 years we have served many people in Ireland and hope to reach many more people in need of accessible materials. There are hundreds of books available in braille and audio ranging from biographies of saints and classics like Confessions, to more contemporary titles by popular authors like Scott Hahn and Matthew Kelly.

One of our biggest lines of service is the Mass Propers - the readings, prayers, and responses to the Mass on Sundays and special Feast days (basically the Missalette). These are available in braille, audio, and large print. See <http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org/> for more details.

Pilgrimage to Oberammergau

Fr Liam Morgan, PP Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House is leading a pilgrimage to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Dates of travel are Friday 5th August to Friday 12th August. Price €1890 per person sharing includes return flights, private transfers, walking tours of Kitzbuhel and Salzburg, half board accommodation and tickets to the play. Please contact Tully's Travel for more information by calling 059-9136100

A word of thanks to all who supported the annual Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish. As always, we appreciate people's ongoing generous support.

Offering Envelopes



Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

25th April—20th June 2022

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)

25th April

Speaker: Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo

Papal Nuncio to Ireland



*To a Christian, Easter Sunday
means everything, when we celebrate
the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

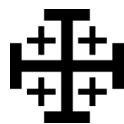
Bernhard Langer, Golf Professional



Confirmation Service of Light

A special service for all Confirmation students and their families will be celebrated in St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th April.

Parents are asked to bring along a baptismal candle for this ceremony.



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Parishioners are invited to return their Trócaire Boxes to any of our three churches over the Easter period. Many thanks for your support for the Lenten Campaign.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish this Thursday, 28th April. There will be two ceremonies on that date:



11am in St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan
(for the students in Ballylinan NS),
and **2pm** in St. Abban's Church, Killeen
(for the students of Arles NS and Killeen NS).

Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate the ceremonies in our parish this year.

Please keep all our young people, and their families, in your prayers at this time.

May the Spirit guide them and protect them.

Please note: No mass in Arles this coming Thursday morning.

Carlow Flower Club

The April event for Carlow Flower Club will be a teaching demonstration with Kitty Gallagher who is an AOIFA Judge, Teacher and Demonstrator. Kitty will be demonstrating the art of petite arrangements, which can be in tiny bottles, egg cups etc. There will be a plant sale on the night so lots of treasures available for your garden. Entry Fee €7

Safeguarding

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