



Today's Mass Readings

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of

what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord



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29th May 2022

Ascension of the Lord

Reflection



I asked a lady once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said 'if he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus – he is here and there. The risen lord has moved on. But not fully so that he has left us. Even though he has gone in a certain way, he is still among us. His Spirit dwelling in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. We will never see him in the skies...his body now is the church and that's us – the man of heaven and the God of earth.

We are Christ's

Before we are any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptised into the church of Christ; we live out our faith in different denominations, unfortunately. Today is the feast of the whole

church – we begin in him and end in him. The renewal of our faith comes through living with Jesus, partners in our mission. And in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body. His life embodies the good and the evil – we note the two Thursdays – holy Thursday the day he suffered, he was the servant, the one who gave himself for all time. Ascension used be on a Thursday – the other Thursday of joy. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven. Encouraging the good and overcoming the evils and sin of society and of each of us. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

Donal Neary SJ



In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 29 May 2022

Killeen (9am): John & Betty Byrne

Arles (10am): Christy Rowan, Tolerton

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): William Foster (Months Mind)

Pauline Moore (1st Anniv.), Ballylethane Lower

Anniversaries for 5 June 2022

Killeen (9am): David O'Neill

Eddie & Billy Baldwin

Lorraine Dunne, Killabban

Arles (10am): Jim and Ned McDonald, Ashfield.

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Jimmy Farrell (1st Anniv.)

Betty Kealy



Whist Drive

In Arles Hall

Every Thursday Night 8.30pm

Prizes & Raffle on the Night

In aid of the upkeep of Arles Hall

Your support would be appreciated

All welcome!



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Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock

Sunday 5th June 2022

2.30pm Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the Anointing of the Sick

3.00pm Pilgrimage Mass

Followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction (outdoors – weather permitting).

Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5pm.

Sick and Housebound

Fr. Pdraig will attend those in the Arles area on Thursday (2nd June), and those in Killeen & Ballylinan areas on Friday (3rd June).

If you would to be added to those who are attended monthly, please ring the Parish Office with your details. (059) 862 5456



Safeguarding

DLP: Mick Daly, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

Calling all adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in Kildare and Leighlin, the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 18th June (Corpus Christi weekend). Please contact Barbara on 086-163 7311 for more information or see www.eucharisticadoration.ie for more details.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 22nd May

Arles: Offertory € 138.31

Envelope € 173.60

Ballylinan: Offertory € 247.16

Envelope € 207.00

Killeen: Offertory € 98.41

Envelope € 105.00

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



Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

25th April—20th June 2022

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)

30th May

Speaker: Anna May McHugh

Managing Director National Ploughing Association

Carlow Flower Club

The May meeting will feature a talk on your summer garden by Eva Holmes of "Darver House Nursery and Garden" in Kilkenny. Eva is an expert gardener and is very knowledgeable on all aspects of gardening and flower arranging. Event happening on Tuesday 31st May, at 8.00 pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. Entry is €7 and there will be a raffle for plants from Eva's garden.

SAVE THE DATE..

Thursday 9th June at
7.30pm.

A special mass will be celebrated in honour of "The Little Flower" in St Joseph's Church, Ballyadams, Co Laois.

There will be individual blessings with The Little Flower Bone Relic after mass.



Are you unemployed, and looking for a fresh start?

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St. Pio's Glove

St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy on Sat 11th June at 11.30am – 4.30pm.

Items of St. Pio will be available on the day. For information call Ann 085-1696189.

All welcome.

