

First reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, Qoheleth says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Second reading

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have

put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?." So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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31st July 2022

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken

away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.



In Memoriam

We pray for: Loretta Moran, Ballinagar who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 31 July 2022

Killeen (9am): Michael Fitzpatrick (1st Anniversary)
Lily Byrne, Grange.

Arles (10am): Jimmy & Edward Graham

Ballylinan (8pm): Edward Mulhall
Ann Hutchinson

(11.30am): Edmond Hogan, The Pike.

Anniversaries for 07 August 2022

Killeen (9am): John Brophy

Arles (10am): Anthony Brennan (3rd Anniversary)

Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):



St. Anne's Choir Ballylinan are looking for new talent. We sing mostly at 11.30am on Sundays. If you would like to join us, You would be most welcome.



Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Baptisms in August

Ballylinan: Sun. 7th Aug
Killeen: Sat. 20th Aug at 12pm.

Arles: Sat. 20th Aug at 1pm.

Please contact the Parish Office (059) 862 5456 with your details.

Dates for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Arles - Friday 12th August at 7.30pm
Ballylinan - Friday 19th August at 7.30pm
Killeen - Friday 16th September at 7.30pm



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Weekly Collections

Sunday 24th July

Arles:	Offertory	€ 218.43
	Envelope	€ 318.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€ 241.75
	Envelope	€ 156.70
Killeen:	Offertory	€ 106.06
	Envelope	€ 144.00

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

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Best of luck to Donie, and to Jane Moore, Anna Moore & Amy Potts (from St. Brigid's), and all the Laois Ladies, in the All-Ireland this weekend. Play well!!



The Meaning Crisis, Modernity and the Christian Way

Benburb Priory will soon host a day conference on the meaning crisis (rise in suicides, depression, and more) and the Christian way, today. The conference will feature leading Christian thinkers, including Paul Kingsnorth, Paul Vander Klay, and Fr Calvin Robinson. This event will take place on Friday 2nd September. Tickets are available at Benburbpriory.com now. All are welcome.

Benburb Priory, 10 Main Street, Benburb, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone BT71 7JZ.



The monthly Matt Talbot, Freedom from addiction Mass takes place on **Monday 1st August at 10:00am in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow**. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction in any way. We also remember specifically those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society at this Mass, if you would like to enrol yourself or somebody else, please visit- www.mattalbotprayersociety.com

We pray specifically this month of August for those with Gambling addictions.

Delany Archive

The Delany Archive is delighted to hold an online lecture on the topic of education during the episcopate of Dr James Doyle, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin (1819-1834).

This lecture is part of Heritage Week and will take place on Thursday, 18 August 2022, between 7-8.30pm.

More information can be found at <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/bishop-james-doyle-and-education-2>

Best wishes to Fr. Robert, a priest from the state of Tamil Nadu in India, who stayed with us during the past week. We pray that he may travel home safely, and we pray God's blessing upon his ministry and his parish.



Whist Drive

In Arles Hall

Every Thursday Night 8.30pm

Prizes & Raffle on the Night

All welcome!



Eucharistic Adoration

Come Worship the Lord

Conducted time of Adoration in St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan from 7 to 9pm each Friday.

So, come let us give thanks to the Lord.

