

First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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 Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that

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you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the on-lookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord



CONTACT



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4th September 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer

Mother of Santiago, Immaculate Virgin Mary. Our Lady of San Cristobal, trusting in your goodness and your tenderness we want to offer you our prayers.

Look, dear Mother, upon our community. Here are our homes and towns, our factories, prisons and schools, our hospitals, stadiums and roads. We invoke your protection over us.

May we never want for bread on our tables, nor love in our homes. May our laws be always fair and every single person respected. Look, dear Mother, upon our sick, who plead for health. Look upon the poor and sad seeking justice and joy. Look upon the neglected and lonely who seek love and understanding. Look upon our families who are in need of dialogue and unity.

Protect our children and young people, and do not forget the absent and travellers .

You are the Mother of love and hope. You, the Mother of the Risen One who has brought life to our sorrows. Help us to trust in the Father. Help us to follow your Son. Help us to listen to the Holy Spirit and to love our church. Make us a country of brothers and sisters. Amen



REFLECTION

The city of Santiago, the capital of Chile, is overlooked by a high hill called the Cerro San Cristobal. To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (1854), the people of the city erected a large statue of Our Lady on the hilltop in 1904. It was called the Mother of Santiago, and stands above the city as a symbol of the people's faith and trust in Our Lady. Through the following prayer, all the different aspects of life in the city are brought before Mary, seeking her intercession.

Thursday (8th Sept.) is the Birthday of Our Lady; maybe we could also seek her intercession (like the people of Santiago) for our community, and all that it contains.



In Memoriam

We pray for: Ignatius Dormer-Lewis
St. John's Manor, Athy & Elsie
(Elizabeth) O'Reilly, 6 Radharc
Alainn Arles who died during the week.

Anniversaries for 04 Sept 2022

Killeen (9am): Ellen Kenna
Arles (10am): Sadie Conway, Farnans
Ballylinan (8pm): Michael & Julia Shorthall
John & Joanna Doyle
(11.30am): John-Joe & Angela Brennan
& deceased members of the
Whelan & Brennan families.
Michael John Kehoe.

Anniversaries for 11 Sept 2022

Killeen (9am): Peggy Lennon
Arles (10am): Danny Brennan (6th Anniv.)
Brother Damien Brennan
(3rd anniversary)
Sheila Graham, Tolerton.
Ballylinan (8pm): William Cranny
(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 18 Sept 2022

Killeen (9am): Maurice Enright
James O'Neill
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):

Date for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Killeen - Friday 16th September at 7pm

Please note the change of time.

Mass will be celebrated in the church and a blessing of graves and rosary will take place after mass in the graveyard.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Weekly Collections

Sunday 28th August

Arles:	Offertory	€ 201.40
	Envelope	€ 156.50
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€ 306.57
	Envelope	€ 220.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€ 265.01
	Envelope	€ 211.00

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

Parish Office & Shop

Parish Office & Shop (059) 862 5456 will be closed next week. It will reopen again on Friday 16th September at 10am.

Please Note: No Newsletter next weekend.

Notice

No 10am morning mass or Rosary in Arles next week. It will resume on Thursday 15th September

Season of Creation 1 September – 4 October:

A Prayer for the Earth

(Martyn Goss, Diocese of Exeter)



God our Creator, maker and shaper of all that is, seen and unseen;

You are present in the breadth and depth of the whole of creation, and in the processes that make life possible.

Yet, we are distracted by the gods of the marketplace. Our lives have become fractured and fragmented.

In our brokenness we disturb the Earth's capacity to hold us. Call us back from the brink.

Help us to choose love and not fear, to change ourselves and not the planet, to act justly for the sake of the vulnerable, and to make a difference today for the life tomorrow.

We make this our prayer in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.



Volunteer with ALONE

YOU'RE NOT ALONE ALONE provide services to older people living at home. ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services: a Visitation and Befriending Service, and a Telephone Support and Befriending Service.

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please contact Fiona on 086 1366539.

Why study the Catechism?

To get a brief authoritative overall statement of the whole of our Catholic Faith.

Liturgical or biblical studies do not fully explain the social teaching of the Church, for instance, or help us to understand what exactly the Church is (20 pages in the Catechism.)

Based largely on the documents of Vatican II The Catechism of the Catholic Church show faith and reason linked in a wonderful network.



Weekly Meetings resume on September 8th at 10-30 am in Prosperous Parish centre.

There is no charge and all are welcome.

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Whist Drive

In Arles Hall

Every Thursday Night 8.30pm