First reading

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Almighty says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp. They invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of Kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man had seen and no man is able to see: to be him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine line and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scrapes that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried our, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours. The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.""

The Gospel of the Lord



In a social media review of last Saturday's March for Life in Dublin, one attendee described the event as "energetic", "reinvigorating" and a "great tonic for the troops". It's an apt description of the March which attracted a disproportionately large turnout of young people and where the guest speakers delivered strong, purposeful but hopeful messages about the next phase of pro-life efforts.

None of the speakers were under any illusions about the challenges facing the movement and the fact that wide-ranging abortion is now a reality in Ireland. All of the speakers identified areas where incremental progress can be made, with a strong emphasis on demanding pro-life representation at the decision making table to work towards reducing Ireland's spiralling abortion rate.

Last Saturday's event was the fifth large outdoor pro-life gathering in Ireland of 2022, following on from the rallies and regional marches that happened earlier in the summer. Proabortion campaigners hoped that we would vacate the public square and leave it all to them, given everything that happened in recent years. The events of 2022 are proof that this is never going to happen.

The marches and rallies taking place are not about going through the motions to pretend the pro-life movement has a future. Quite the opposite. They are being held because we emphatically believe the pro-life cause has a very bright future and are determined to ensure abortion never becomes normalised in this country.

With hope and determination, we march on.

In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 25 Sept 2022

Killeen (9am): Martin & Mary Byrne &

their son Martin.

Arles (10am): Teresa Murphy (Months Mind)

Anne Elizabeth Conroy

Ballylinan (8pm): Margaret, Robert & Ann

Hutchinson.

(11.30am): Eileen Kaye (Months Mind)

Julia McEvoy

Michael & Mary Condron

Tuesday (10am): Tom McDonnell, Carlow Rd

(Birthday remembrance)

Anniversaries for 2 Oct 2022

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Ignatius Dormer Lewis

(Months Mind)

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):



Graiguecullen Bingo on Tuesday 27th September

St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers

€3300, Double number €390, Lotto €2400

Great prizes, bring a friend.

Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland

On Sunday October 9th, the annual Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www. coastalrosarvireland.ie or text vour location to 087 278 6552.



Weekly Collections

Sunday 18th September

€ 102.02 Arles: Offertory

> Envelope € 255.00

Ballylinan: Offertory € 187.61

> € 139.00 Envelope

Killeen: € 169.84 Offertory

> Envelope € 150.00

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



Whist Drive

In Arles Hall

Every Thursday Night 8.30pm

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Pilgrimage to Rome March 2023

The Ossory Adult Faith development Group are holding a pilgrimage to Rome this coming March (9th - 14th) 2023. Rome has a remarkable array of religious art - frescos, paintings, sculptures, mosaics and stuccos. Over the centuries these treasures have inspired, educated and uplifted countless people. This pilgrimage will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. The all inclusive cost for this pilgrimage is €710 p.p. sharing and places can be booked by Kieran and contacting Laura Trov at info@myriam.ie or by calling 057 9355050.

Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter Ireland are hosting a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from Friday 4th - Sunday 6th November 2022 at the International Hotel, Cork Airport. For more information and to book please visit www.marriageencounter.ie

Carlow Flower Club



Carlow Flower Club begin their 2022/23 season on Tuesday 27th September next at 8.00pm in the

Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow, New members always welcome. The club meets on the last Tuesday of every month. Annual membership €40.00. (Visitors €10 per night). The September Demonstrator will be Sharon O'Sullivan AOIFA Demonstrator and Teacher who will be showcasing some beautiful Autumn Arrangements. Looking forward to welcoming back all our members and friends.

Safeguarding

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Transmitting Faith in Contemporary Culture



In processing the diocesan synodal reports the ACI steering group concluded that no issue seemed of greater concern than the growing absence of young people, including younger parents, from regular weekly liturgies - even before the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic in the spring of 2020.

A zoom gathering has been organised by the Association of Catholics in Ireland takes place on Thursday October 6th, 2022 at 8.00 pm. Professor Michael Conway (Professor of Faith and Culture, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth) will present his own view of the issue of faith transmission today, and will be followed by open discussion. All are welcome to join in.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85073799955?pwd=V1picXViUG1mT2FlQXlmOHVLWjFpZz09

Meeting ID: 850 7379 9955 Passcode: 690623

My Life in your Hands

A book is to be published shortly containing a selection of writings by the late Fr. John Cummins PP of Abbeyleix & Ballyroan and native of Newbridge.

A deep thinker, an accomplished preacher and a Doctor of Divinity, God's word and message were central to his vocation. This book reveals Fr. John's gentle sharing of his love of God through his reflections each Sunday and other occasions with the Christian communities of Abbeyleix & Ballyroan, Carlow and Naas.

My Life In Your Hands will be a useful companion as we journey through the coming liturgical year. For the casual reader, it is an opportunity to engage with the Christian faith.

