



## Today's Mass Readings

### First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord

### R sponsorial Psalm

Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

### Second Reading

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

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less

than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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15th January 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Come and See...



As Jesus walks by minding his own business, John points at him and says to those who are with him, 'Look there is the Lamb of God.' They drop everything

they were doing, leave John and go after Jesus. Before they can speak or say anything, Jesus turns, looks at them and asks a very direct and personal question; 'What are you looking for?'

What a question! Jesus wastes no time in getting to the heart of the matter. They respond with a question of their own, 'Master, where do you live? This question is not about directions or an address. They really want to know who Jesus is and where he comes from. In response, Jesus does not give them directions or an address. He offers them an invitation, 'Come and see.' This is a very open and a very challenging invitation. It was then and still is today.

Jesus does not force them to follow him. He does not insist that they go with him. He simply says to them that if they want to know who he is, then they are welcome to go with him and spend some time with him. The best way to get to know a person is to spend time with them. And so, we are

told that they went with him, saw where he lived and stayed with him the rest of the day. We can only guess that they ate with Jesus, they spoke to him and that they listened to him. After their time with Jesus, we are told that one of them, Andrew went and told his brother Peter about Jesus and actually brings him to meet Jesus. Andrew has become a missionary disciple. He shares with Peter what he himself experienced from being with Jesus

Are we so different from these people in the gospel? Every day Jesus offers us the same open invitation, 'Come and see.' Jesus wants to be with us so we too can spend some time with him. The choice whether or not we accept this invitation and follow Jesus is ours to make. He will not force us or make us follow him. It has to be our choice. If we do follow Jesus, then we are going to be changed, just as Andrew was. You can't experience Jesus and stay the same. Andrew didn't keep to himself the experience of being with Jesus and neither can we. We are called by Jesus to share our good news about him with others. That's what being a disciple means. Today each of us is being called by Jesus to become missionary disciples.

The best way we can talk to Jesus and listen to him is through prayer. We can read the gospels, pray the rosary, go to mass or we can simply light a candle in our kitchen and sit in silence. Through our prayer, we hear the invitation of Jesus. When he says, 'Come and see,' what is your response?

Michael Moore OM

## In Memoriam

**We pray for:** Peter Kenna, Clonagh  
Jack McDonald, Killabban  
who died during the past week.

### Anniversaries for 15 Jan '23

**Killeen (9am):** Breda Whelan, Hollymount  
(Months Mind)  
Esther (Ellie) Barron, Beaconstown  
(Months Mind)  
Angela Wall, Gurteen  
Susan O'Neill, Hollymount

**Arles (10am):** Kathleen Naughton, Ballyadams & New York (Months Mind)

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Eamonn Behan  
Denis, Christina & Bernadette Murphy  
**(11.30am):**

### Anniversaries for 22 Jan '23

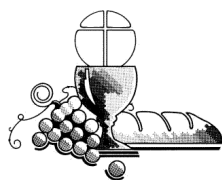
**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** Margaret Brennan (1st Anniv.)  
Willie & Margaret Brennan  
Joe & Kathleen Brennan  
Vincent Brennan

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** John McHugh, Fallghmore  
**(11.30am):** Nell Cooney, Rahin Road (Months Mind)  
Patrick Julian (Months Mind)  
Bridget Graham (nee Hogan) (1st Anniv.)

## Catholic Schools Week 2023

Grandparents Mass will be celebrated on  
Wednesday 18th January at 12.30pm in  
St. Anne's Church,  
Ballylinan



### Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome

Visiting the Tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis; a guided tour of the St Peters Basilica and attendance at a General Papal Audience. Travelling dates 25th – 31st May 2023, cost €1235 pps, single supplement €270. Spiritual directors Fr Liam Merrigan & Fr John McEvoy. For further details contact Monasterevin Parish 045-525346, Rathvilly Parish 059-9161114 or visit-[www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)

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## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) January 18 – 25, 2023

Here in Ireland, this  
year of 2023 marks two  
important anniversaries

of key events of the journey towards  
Christian Unity. This year is the cen-  
tenary of the formation of the Irish Coun-  
cil of Churches and it also marks the  
50th anniversary of the Ballymascanlon  
Meetings between the Catholic Church  
and other Christian Churches on the is-  
land of Ireland in 1973, a structure that is  
now the Irish Inter-Church Meeting. To-  
day, these are the bodies for inter-church  
dialogue in Ireland as we continue to  
work together for peace, reconciliation  
and social justice.

As we know, that work is unfinished;  
sectarianism is still, sadly, a major prob-  
lem in communities and political life in  
the north while the growth of racism is  
increasingly evident across the island.  
The current cost of living crisis and the  
effects of the war in Ukraine add to the  
turmoil. It is in this context that we mark  
the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
this year- giving thanks for the progress  
made by the Churches at various levels  
over the decades but seeking to place our  
continuing journey of witness to Christ's  
desire for unity alongside his radical call  
to discipleship and social justice.

*"Faith is like a bright ray of sun light. It  
enables us to see God in all things as well  
as all things in God."*

*St. Francis de Sale*

## MOUNT ST ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT

### MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON, CO. LAOIS

Prayerful Meditation Day on Saturday 11th  
February 2023 10am – 3pm  
Offering a day to meditate, pray and be  
nourished using Scripture.  
Facilitated by Sr Anne Kearney hfb  
Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch)  
Tea/Coffee and biscuits provided.

'Aging with Grace' day on Saturday 18th  
February 2023 10am – 4.40pm  
A retreat day for people of any age com-  
mitted to living their lives one day at a  
time, accepting themselves as they are and  
cultivating a light heart, a joyful spirit and  
a peaceful mind.  
Facilitated by Ms Maria Garvey  
Cost: €60 (includes Lunch and Tea/Coffee  
break)

*For further information/bookings, please  
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email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)*



### PASSION PLAY

Ballylinan 2023

It was decided at a recent  
meeting of the Passion Play Committee to  
postpone this year's production. The Com-  
mittee wish to express their thanks to all  
who volunteered their time or showed an  
interest in exploring the possibility of un-  
dertaking such a production this year.



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