



Today's Mass Readings

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Second Reading

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences

among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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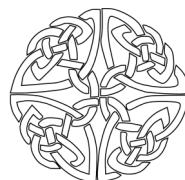
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22nd January 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Fr. Mil writes ...



Circumstances often force people to move home. This is tragically in evidence with the great displacement of people because of the raging civil war in Syria. More recently this is also happening in Southern Sudan and the Central African Republic, among many other peoples.

Jesus was forced to move because of the arrest of John the Baptist. Then Jesus decided himself to move from Nazareth to Capernaum. He was prompted to do so to bring news of the coming of the Kingdom of light to a different kind of darkness. Jesus wished his people and the many foreigners living in the bustling fishing towns on the shores of the Sea of Galilee to be the happy recipients of Good News: the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

For most people the kingdom of heaven, if it exists at all, is remote from real life. Many see God as indifferent to the dramas of human life. Many do not even accept that there is anything to life but the scramble for sur-

vival or self -promotion....

Then as now the message of Jesus resounds in the darkness of life: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." Pull back from the pessimism of unbelief and hope in a God who calls in every age to attend to his goodness, his love for all creatures. Jesus, now as then, offers healing to the human family with the Good News of his loving and attentive presence.

Just as then, this good news speaks to the heart of every person and has the power to transform those who heed. But Jesus, now as in times past, also seeks out generous bearers of his healing love and the message of that love. The need for such generous people is immediate. When we are open to the touch of the healing presence of Jesus, we are also moved to bring the news of that to others whose lives we touch. Read all about it in the gospel of today's Mass. It is meant for you.

- Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Ireland.



In Memoriam

We pray for: Seamus Byrne, Gracefield
who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 22 Jan '23

Killeen (9am):

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

Ballylinan (7.30pm): John McHugh, Fallghmore

(11.30am): Patrick Julian (Months Mind)
Bridget Graham (nee Hogan) (1st Anniv.)

Anniversaries for 29 Jan '23

Killeen (9am): Jimmy Moran, Ballinagar
James Julian, Grange.

Arles (10am): John McDonald (Months Mind)
& his parents Michael & Sheila
McDonald, Ashfield (anniversary).

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Bridget Hayden
Tony, Cissie & Sr. Norah Kaye.

(11.30am): Nell Cooney, Rahin Road
(Months Mind)

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

First Confession



Tuesday 24th 7.30pm:
Ballylinan NS

Wednesday 25th
7.30pm: Arles NS

Thursday 26th 7.30pm:
Killeen NS

We keep all the children in our prayers as they take another step in preparation for the celebration of their First Holy Communion in May.



"Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away."

~Arthur Helps~

St Brigid's Camino Walk,

Monasterevin



To commemorate Brigid, Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour.

Starting at St. Brigid's

Shrine at Mountrice on the Monasterevin – Rathangan Road (R414) @ 11 am on Monday 6th February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross.

The Walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty and will journey via Umeras then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter & Pauls Church Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30 pm.

Contact Monasterevin Parish for more details, 045-525346. All are very welcome.



Laois Macra are holding an Information Night for new members between the ages of 17 and 35 in Portlaoise Macra on the 26th January.

Call in anytime between 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Macra is a youth organisation that is involved in agriculture / sports competitions / Performing Arts / Public speaking and much more.

Contact Liam - 0868151739 for more info.

Seasons Homecare

Healthcare information evening 'Live Well At Home'.

We will have an expert of the healthcare professionals to discussion.

Health at home

Recovering after illness

Medication Management

Join us for the first in our series of relaxed information evening at Woodford Dolmen Hotel Friday 1st February from 7pm-9pm .

Evening hosted by Seasons Homecare

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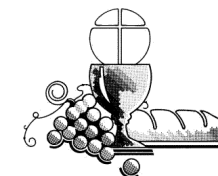
Medjugorje Group

Mass for healing and peace in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre on Wednesday 25th January to Our Lady Queen of Peace. Rosary at 7pm followed by Mass & Benediction. All welcome.



Catholic Schools Week 2023

Grandparents Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 25th January at 12.30pm in St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan



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