



## Today's Mass Readings

### First reading

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

### Second Reading

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

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up

those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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29th January 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## A Happy New You

Take a look at the front cover of any women's magazine, and you'll find a host of headlines promising to transform readers' lives for the better. Inside you'll find articles about miracle diets, the most flattering make-up, the latest fashions to achieve the perfect look. This trend is particularly noticeable at this time of year when the focus is on new year resolutions – new year, new you!

We live in a culture obsessed with appearances. The ultimate message is that we need to constantly transform our outward image in order to feel fulfilled and happy. If we let this message filter in, we can be left feeling empty, frustrated and dissatisfied with our lot.

But today's Gospel speaks of a different type of happiness. The word 'happy' appears nine times in the Beatitudes – it is sometimes translated as 'blessed'. This happiness Jesus is talking about should not be viewed as a reward for religious achievements, but rather as an act of grace by God. The focus is much



deeper than superficial happiness. The Beatitudes call us to a radically new way of being. When we centre our lives on God, we find our true identity and lasting peace.

Triona Doherty



# In Memoriam

## Anniversaries for 29 Jan '23

**Killeen (9am):** Jimmy Moran, Ballinagar

James Julian, Grange.

**Arles (10am):** John McDonald, Ashfield

(Months Mind)

Michael & Sheila McDonald, Ashfield

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Bridget Hayden

Tony, Cissie & Sr. Norah Kaye

**(11.30am):** Nell Cooney, Rahin Road

(Months Mind)

**Thursday (10am):** Tom McDonnell, Carlow Rd.,

Ballylinan

## Anniversaries for 05 Feb '23

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** Paddy Doogue, Maidenhead

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Alice Hayden

**(11.30am):** Dick Donohoe & his parents  
Denis & Ellen.

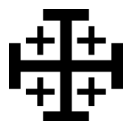
Margaret Bambrick

## Congratulations and Well Done

To all the boys and girls who made their First Confession during the past week.



A word of thanks also to their teachers for preparing them for the sacrament.



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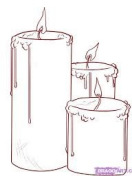
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## Sick and Housebound

Fr. Padraig will attend those in the Arles are on Thursday (2nd Feb), and those in Killeen & Ballylinan areas on Friday (3rd Feb).



## Presentation of the Lord



This Thursday (2nd Feb.) we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord with a blessing of candles for home and church use. We draw upon the hope filled tradition of having a blessed candle in our churches and homes as a symbol of the light of Christ.

*If you would like to have candles blessed, please bring some along to that mass.*



## Ballylinan N.S. Admissions 2023/24

Please note that applications for the 23/24 school year will be open from Thursday, 5th January until Friday, 3rd February 2023. Further information on how to apply will be issued in due course. If you are aware of anyone who may wish to enrol a child for next year, please let them know these dates. Thank you.

## Carlow Flower Club

Carlow Flower Club January Demonstration will be a Foliage only demonstration and a talk on growing foliage for Flower Arranging given by Helen Lucas D.Dip AOIFA on Tuesday 31st January 2023 in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel Carlow, at 8.00 pm. Visitors welcome (Visitor Fee €10) All arrangements will be raffled on the night.

## Parish Office

The Office will be closed this coming Friday (3rd Feb).

*Apologies for any inconvenience.*

## Community Employment Scheme

**Vacancies: Ballylinan / Ballyadams CE**  
Administrative Assistant, Luggacurren  
CES2260197.

Upcoming Environmental vacancy, Ballylinan CES2263112.

Great work experience in your local community and training available to further your chosen career. Enquiries to CE Supervisor 087 2232515

## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration in St Anne's Church Ballylinan **each Friday evening 7.30pm to 8.30pm.**



*The Lord invites us to spend some time in His Presence Giving Him Thanks for all He has done for us Come let us worship the Lord*

## Totus Tuus Eucharistic Conference

**2023 Live on Radio Maria Ireland** from 2pm on Saturday 4th February. Speakers include FR. Columba Mary Toman OP, FR. Patrick Cahill O.J.S.S.,

FR. Patrick Langan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission).

Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01) 4373277



Friday 3rd Feb—Feast of St. Blaise



There will be a Blessing of Throats after our mass at 10am in Arles.

## Special Kildare Pilgrimage to Fatima

9-14th June 2023 ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal

Visiting Saint Anthony's Baptismal Font and the place where he was born in Lisbon

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