



## Today's Mass Readings

### First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### Second reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people

of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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8th January 2023

The Baptism of the Lord



## Baptism of the Lord

The baptism of Jesus immerses him in the life of the people. He joined the queue of people for John's baptism, wanting to share the joys and sorrows of his people. In the depths of the water he entered into the depths of his own humanity and the depths of his people.

Fully part of us

We could say that Jesus has entered into that part of all of us which laughs and sings, dances and cries, feels for the sick and the suffering, desires the best for self and others; nothing human is foreign to him as he was baptised into the life of his people and the God

of his ancestors.

At our baptism he enters fully into our lives. At the time when we are most vulnerable, the church and our family celebrate the love of God for us, and that God will call us into his service. At baptism we are twice anointed – once with the protection of God, and then anointed for service. The words spoken to Jesus are spoken for all of us – you are my son, my daughter, the beloved – my favour rests on you.

Men and Women for others

Baptism in the Jordan gave Jesus the start and strength for his service of God's people. Our baptism gives a grace and help we can call on any time to give our lives as best we can in God's service in the service of others. We are called to be men and women for others, as Jesus was a man of love for all whom he met.

Lord teach me to be generous, to give and not to count the cost, for fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward, save only that of knowing that I do your holy will (Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola). Donal Neary SJ

## In Memoriam

**We pray for:** John McDonald, Ashfield

who died during the past week.

### Anniversaries for 08 Jan '23

**Killeen (9am):** Susan O'Neill

Tom & Peggy Fitzpatrick, Hollymount

Kathleen Dunne & deceased family members

Kathleen Connolly, Ballyfoyle

**Arles (10am):** Betty Byrne, Ballickmoyler (Months Mind)

May Nolan (Months Mind) & her husband Paddy (16th Anniversary)

Jim Scully (10th Anniversary)

Michael & Vera O'Shea

Lilly Lawlor & her parents Bill & Ann Doran

William Fitzpatrick, Farnans (2nd Anniversary)

Edward Doogue (18th Anniversary)

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Luke Renahan, Carlow Road (Months Mind)

Thomas Walsh & Patrick McEvoy

(11.30am):

### Anniversaries for 15 Jan '23

**Killeen (9am):**

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

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Eamonn Behan

Denis, Christina & Bernadette Murphy

(11.30am):

### Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

## Our Parish Website

**arlesparish.ie**

*For latest notices; scripture readings for each day and the following Sunday; mass times; photo galleries; contact numbers; donation details to support our parish; advice on preparing for sacraments etc.*



### Vocations

Could He be calling you to serve Him as a priest?

Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill

vocations@kandle.ie,  
www.kandlepriest.com

### Short Mat Indoor Bowls

Commencing in Killeen Hall at 2pm Tuesdays & Thursdays from January 10th .



All welcome!

### Arles N.S.

The school will begin accepting enrolments for the academic year 2023/2024 from 5th January 2023 - 26th January 2023. Please see our school website [www.arlesnationalschool.ie](http://www.arlesnationalschool.ie) for a copy of our Admission Policy and Annual Admission Notice. Application forms for 2023/2024 are available as follows:

Download : [www.arlesnationalschool.ie](http://www.arlesnationalschool.ie). On request: by emailing [principal@arlesnationalschool.ie](mailto:principal@arlesnationalschool.ie) or writing to the school – Arles N.S., Ballickmoyler, Co.Laois R93HY62.

## Parish Office & Shop

*The Parish Office will reopen at 10am on Tuesday 10th January.*

### 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.

*When I was young, I admired clever people.  
Now that I am old, I admire kind people.  
~Abraham Heschel~*

Graiguecullen Bingo  
on Tuesday 10th January  
St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm.  
Jackpot on 50 numbers €5250  
Double number €1440,  
Lotto €700



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## A message from an Garda Siochana

An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud and theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks.



Elderly People are being targeted at their homes by Criminals who are impersonating Gardaí. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardaí who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country and stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.

Advice:

An Garda Siochana will never ask people about their finances on the doorstep of their homes and will never ask to check money

Always ask for Identification and do not be afraid to question it. If in doubt politely tell the caller that you want to verify their true identity. If necessary contact your local Garda Station who will be able to establish quickly if the caller is a member of An Garda Siochana.

Report any such activity to your local Garda Station even if you have not been the victim of a theft. That report could save a neighbour or someone else close by.

Please check on elderly neighbours, family and friends and advise and reassure them

