

#### **First reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

# Second Reading

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there

# **Today's Mass Readings**

were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

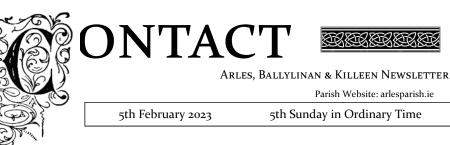
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord





Salt and Light

In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios

where salt is concerned: one is that we are

for food, Christians are called to do for the

someone who brought 'taste' to your own

ing hope, a new insight or project, someone

you followed and learned from. What gifts

The other scenario in the Gospel today is

restored? You might recall someone you

where salt has lost its taste - how can it be

placed great hope in, whether it be a family

member, a public figure, a Church leader or

politician; someone who had vision and in-

lost. We see this all around us in our world.

where people's light is not allowed to shine.

or perhaps others are afraid of the conse-

quences. Jesus tells us that these lights must

shine, for all, and then we can give glory to

when someone's potential is lost.

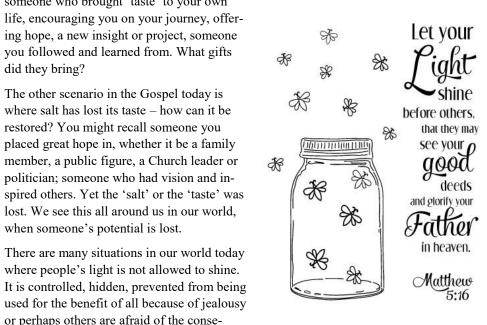
did they bring?

world - to give life 'taste'. You might recall

called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does

God in heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be: how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our lives?

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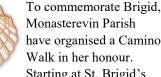
In Memoriam Anniversaries for 05 Feb '23	
Arles (10am):	Paddy Doogue, Maidenhe
Ballylinan (7.30pm):	Alice Hayden
Eddie & Betty Lacey & Bridie Ke	
(11.30am):	Dick Donohoe & his pare Denis & Ellen.
	Margaret Bambrick
Thursday 9th: deceased mem	Mary & Peter Farrell & bers of the Farrell family.
Friday 10th: Jane	Hogan, The Pike, Ballylinan
Anniversaries for 12 Feb '23	
Killeen (9am):	Jack McDonald, Killabba (Months Mind)
	Bernie Kelly
	Ann Kelly, Tierernane

ead aly ents n Arles (10am): Jimmy O'Shea & his parents Mary & James O'Shea Kathleen Wall, Ballinagall Mary Koster, Ashfield.

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am):

St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin



Parish Office: (059) 862 5456

Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

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.

# Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

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

~Arthur Helps ~

#### Weekly Religious Services to attend



Morning Mass (Arles): 10am Tuesday - Friday

Recitation of the Rosary (Arles): 9.30am Tuesday - Friday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday 11am - 1pm (Killeen) & Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm (Ballylinan)

# **Book Fair, Carlow College St Patrick's**



Carlow College, St Patrick's Book Fair returns after three years. This highly enjoyable one-day event which has always attracted large numbers

takes place on the broad corridors of the College from 10am to 5pm on Wednesday, 8 February. All welcome.

The College's librarians are busy preparing surplus stock which they wish to sell at reasonable prices. Second hand and antiquarian book sellers are welcome.

For further information, contact Dr Thomas McGrath at Carlow College at email vpacademic@carlowcollege.ie

# **Ceremony of Light**

Ballylinan: 7.30pm Tuesday 7th Killeen/Arles: 7.30pm Wednesday 8th



We keep all our young people preparing for Confirmation in our prayers at this time

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# Film screening of The Letter

You are invited to a screening of the film "The Letter, A message for our Earth" in Clane Parish Church on February 9th 2023 at 7.30pm, followed by a conversation with Dr Ciara Murphy & Dr Kevin Hargaden authors of 'Parish as Oasis: An Introduction to Practical Environmental Care'. All are welcome.





# Marking 50 Years of Trócaire in Parish Life

On the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in 1973, the Irish Bishops wrote to the Christian people of Ireland establishing Trócaire. As we mark 50 years of Trócaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis. Trócaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world. We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next fifty years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see.

# **50th Anniversary Prayer**

We pray for God's blessing on the work of *Trócaire. We pray that all people may continue* to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity and shared human rights. We thank God for the partners and generous supporters who have enabled Trócaire to continue their work for over fifty years, empowering

communities to work together for a just world. We pray for peace and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experi-

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encing crises in our world.