



Today's Mass Readings

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

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



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5th February 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Salt and Light

In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned: one is that we are called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life 'taste'. You might recall someone who brought 'taste' to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the 'salt' or the 'taste' was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost.

There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to

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?

Jane Mellet



Let your
Light
shine
before others,
that they may
see your
good
deeds
and glorify your
Father
in heaven.

Matthew
5:16





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In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 05 Feb '23

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Paddy Doogue, Maidenhead

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Alice Hayden
Eddie & Betty Lacey & Bridie Kealy

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

Thursday 9th: Mary & Peter Farrell & deceased members of the Farrell family.

Friday 10th: Jane Hogan, The Pike, Ballylinan

Anniversaries for 12 Feb '23

Killeen (9am): Jack McDonald, Killabban (Months Mind)
Bernie Kelly
Ann Kelly, Tierernane

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



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.

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

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 experiencing crises in our world.

Amen

