



First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he

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stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord



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26th March 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

Confirmation

This weekend, in our parish, 53 young people, from Killeen, Arles & Ballylinan gathered to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. During both ceremonies our young people were anointed with the Oil of Chrism.



Why is Chrism used in Confirmation?

The anointing of those who are called or chosen has a long and deep symbolism, going well back into the Old Testament.

Those who are anointed are set apart, healed, and strengthened. They are also said to be "sealed," marked with the sign of the one in whose name they are anointed.

In the case of Confirmation, Christians receive the seal of the Holy Spirit. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church declares (para. 1294), they "share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off 'the aroma of Christ,'" which the scent of the balsam signifies.

What does anointing with Chrism signify?

The symbolism goes even deeper, as the anointing takes the form of the Sign of the Cross, representing the indelible mark of Christ's sacrifice on the soul of the one being confirmed. Called by Christ to follow Him, Christians "preach Christ crucified" (1 Corinthians 1:23), not only through their words but through their actions.

Creator Spirit, strengthen these young people with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness. Amen.



Confirmation

In Memoriam

Anniversaries for 26 March '23

Killeen (9am): Kathleen & Patrick Walsh
Arles (10am): Tony Kennedy
 Seamus McDonald,
 Ballickmoyler, (10th Anniv)
Ballylinan (7.30pm):
(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 2 April '23

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am): Collie Kennedy
 Eddie Egan, Aughaterry
Ballylinan (8pm): Liam Davis
(11.30am):



Sacrament of Confirmation

Well done to all on our young people, confirmed this weekend in our parish.

A special word of thanks to our teachers in Ballylinan NS, Arles NS & Killeen NS for all their help in preparing the students for their big day.

May the Lord bless our young people both now and in the years to come.



Safeguarding

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

Parish Office & Shop

Opening Hours: Tuesday & Friday
 10am – 1pm

Weekly Collections

Sunday 19th March

Arles:	Offertory	€ 174.66
	Envelope	€ 191.50
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€ 249.21
	Envelope	€ 272.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€ 115.17
	Envelope	€ 133.00

A sincere word of thanks to all those who contribute to the upkeep of our parish.



The **Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage** takes place on Sunday 23rd of April. There will be a bus going from Ballylinan. Seats cost Adults €30. Young people €10. More details later.

To book: Telephone or text Margaret on 086 3254931.



Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday 23rd April 2023.

€499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 3 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballin-tubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement €100.00.

Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Chrism Mass

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7.30pm on Monday, April 3rd at 7.30pm to celebrate the Chrism Mass.



Vocations

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



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time. Thank you.

Don't forget that our Saturday evening mass will change time from next weekend onwards to 8pm for Summer-

Graigucullen MONSTER EASTER Bingo

on Sunday 26th March in St. Fiaccs Hall at 3pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €6680

Double number €2210 Lotto €1250

Over €14,000 in prizemoney!!

Easter eggs left & right of the winner.

Bingo as normal Tuesday 28th March @ 8.30pm



Pilgrimage to Fatima

Archbishop Eamon Martin is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 20th – 27th July 2023. Pilgrims from all dioceses in Ireland are welcome to travel with him. Cost for 7 days is £799/€899 per person sharing. Flights depart Dublin at 6.05am Thursday 20th July arriving in Fatima 11.00am. Single room supplement and insurance is additional. For further information contact Joe or Maureen McLaughlin on 00442890701606 or 00447711808207.



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)