TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus



From Rephidim the sons of Israel

reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.""

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord







The Gospel reading for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is a reminder of the importance of evangelization in the life of a Catholic. However, many of us feel uncomfortable with the idea of evangelizing, perhaps due to a perception that it involves knocking on a stranger's door and telling them about

Jesus. Yet, evangelization is not always so formal, and we have many opportunities to spread the good news in our daily lives.

We can evangelize by offering a helping hand to someone in need and then sharing how we have been helped through the power of God. When someone asks us to pray for them, we can say a prayer with them and share a moment of connection and faith. We can also invite someone to come to Mass or attend a church event with us, sharing the joy of our faith and the community of believers.

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However, in order to spread the light of Christ to others, we must first be able to see it shining in our own lives. We must strive to live our lives in a way that reflects the love, compassion, and mercy of Christ, so that others may be drawn to Him through us. Evangelization is not about forcing our beliefs on others, but about sharing the hope and joy that we have found in Christ and inviting others to join us on this journey of faith.



Religious Services to attend

Morning Mass (Arles): 10am Tuesday - Friday

In Memoriam ~ Dier ~ Anniversaries for 18 June '23 Killeen (9am): John & Betty Byrne Mary Coll, Anneville, Shrule. Arles (10am): **Ballylinan (8pm):** Martin Kinsella (11.30am): Anniversaries for 25 June '23 Killeen (9am): Peg Burke Stella Hovenden Dates for your Diary Arles - Friday 30th June at 7.30pm

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Ballylinan - Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Parish Office & Shop

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

Opening Hours: Tuesday & Friday

10am - 1pm

Please Note: the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesdav

Fusion Music Summer Camp



2:00pm each day in Graiguecullen Parish Centre. Open to all musicians and singers ages 8-18 with minimum 1 year experience.

July from 10:00am til

Cost is €75 per child. For information or to book a place call (087) 6615557 or email: fusionmusiccamp@gmail.com



All welcome.

Parish Office: (059) 862 5456

Parish Website: arlesparish.ie



Calling on EVERYONE Young and Old or In Between to come along and enjoy the outdoors with us. K.C.G & Tidy Towns propose to have 2 walks eac week & would love if you could be part of it.

1 Saturday morning @ 10:00am. Starting 17th June. Assemble inside Maganey Bridge. walk at your own pace to the Lock House or to bank facing Fennells and back -40/ 50mins. Of course run and go further if you wish. Cuppa and Chat at King's @11:00am if you have

time

2. 5km Walk or Run at own pace every Wed @ 7pm starting 21st June. Assemble at Killeen Community Hall. Set off @ 7:05pm over the Grange Rd, turn towards Clonagh, back to Coolenaugh Cross and back to the Hall.

Weekly Collections		
Sunday 11th May		
Arles:	Offertory	€115.74
	Envelope	€218.19
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€272.85
	Envelope	€262.45
Killeen:	Offertory	€183.08
	Envelope	€190.00

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

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



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

The Ritz Showband

A Fundraiser for Éist Cancer Support Centre

Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow

Wednesday 28th June at 8.30pm

A wonderful night of song and dance featuring hits from the Irish Showband era of the 1960s. Lots of raffle prizes.

Tickets: €15

OPPORTUNITY IN

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP



The Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service are looking for a Senior Programme Leader to lead retreats and other programmes in their youth retreat centre, Cas-

tlerigg Manor, in the English Lake District. Castlerigg Manor is an innovative project which focuses on leading their volunteers into a closer relationship with God and in working with their volunteers to lead programmes for thousands of young people each year. The post is residential with an excellent salary package. For more information email the director, Jack Regan director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or checkout castleriggmanor.com >> meet the team







Tuesday 20th June at 8.30pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1,220. Double number €1160. Lotto €1,900. Great prizes, bring a friend.