

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah



Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In your great love, answer me, O God.

Second Reading

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself

considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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25th June 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Reflection



The readings for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time are a call to trust in God. Although our circumstances can be unsettling or frightening, God is always caring for us. The first reading Jeremiah trusts in the Lord even though he is being plotted against. The psalm expresses hope that God will hear our prayers in times of distress. The second reading reminds us that Jesus rescued us even though we are sinners. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us "Fear no one" and that we are loved and cared for by God.

Perseverance in the face of opposition: The first reading from Jeremiah portrays the challenges and opposition that the prophet faced in fulfilling his calling. Despite the persecution, Jeremiah remained steadfast in his faith and trust in God. This theme encourages believers to persevere in their faith, even when confronted with adversity or opposition.

Trust in God's faithfulness: Jeremiah exemplifies unwavering trust in God's faithfulness and protection, recognizing God as a "dread warrior." This emphasizes reliance on God's strength during difficulties. The Gospel stresses trust in God's providential care, assuring disciples of His awareness and urging trust in His guidance, care, and protection.

Fear and courage: The Gospel reading from Matthew addresses fear and courage in the context of proclaiming the message of Christ. Jesus reassures His disciples not to fear those who oppose them but to trust in God's providence and protection. This theme encourages believers to overcome fear and rely on the courage that comes from faith in God.

God's care for individuals: The Gospel reading further emphasizes the value that God places on each individual. Jesus affirms that God's care extends even to the smallest details of His creation. This theme reminds believers of their worth in God's eyes and reassures them of His intimate knowledge and care for them.

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)

In Memoriam

We pray for: Johnny Byrne, Ballyfoyle, Maganey who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 25 June '23

Killeen (9am): Peg Burke
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am): Stella Hovenden

Anniversaries for 2 July '23

Killeen (9am): Billy Kelly, Coolnaugh
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Cemetery Mass
(11.30am): Maureen & Joe Mulhare

Dates for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Arles - Friday 30th June at 7.30pm
 Ballylinan - Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Weekly Collections

Sunday 18th May

Arles:	Offertory	€115.70
	Envelope	€249.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€238.55
	Envelope	€211.25
Killeen:	Offertory	€143.39
	Envelope	€174.20

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

Indoor Short Mat Bowls



In Killeen Hall every
 Tuesday evening
 7.15pm - 9pm

All welcome.



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St Patrick's Fathers, Kiltegan Golf Classic

St. Patrick's Fathers, Kiltegan invites you to play in its golf classic on Friday June 30th in Baltinglass golf club. It is a fundraiser for the Society. The format is a “Step aside Scramble”, with a team of 4. Team cost €200. Please contact Bridget at 059 6473600 to book your T time. Thanks for your support. Fr. Pat Murphy SPS

Killeen Community Group

TEXAS BBQ

Saturday, July 15th 7.30pm

Farrells Bar

Polish off the boots and get the cowboy hats ready!!!

Tickets (€10) can be purchased through our online shop link attached.

<https://killeen-communitygroup.sumupstore.com/>

Tickets can also be bought from Killeen Community group Members or in Farrells Bar.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Last remaining places for special Kildare / Carlow Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at Christmas 2023 EX Dublin taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day

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2023 RALLY FOR LIFE

SATURDAY 1ST JULY DUBLIN

DON'T MISS IT! Rally for Life on the 1st of July! Join thousands of fellow Catholics & pro-life supporters at the biggest annual pro-life event, now in its 17th year. Gather at 1PM at Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Activities for both children and adults, a family friendly event!

For more info or to book a place on the bus going up to the rally visit www.thelifeinstitute.net , or call 01 873 0465



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