



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the second book of Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading

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

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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2nd July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection



Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be un-

derstood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

A prayer for all who may need to travel— to work, for leisure, or who are on holidays:

Prayer for the Journey

Gracious God, in whom we live and move and have our being, be with us throughout the course of this journey, so that under your protecting hand, we may reach our destination in safety, through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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

Anniversaries for 2 July '23

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

Wednesday 5th July: Rosaleen Rose (4th Anniv.)
 & Myles Kehoe (2nd Anniv.)

Anniversaries for 9 July '23

Killeen (9am): Ger O'Neill
 Margaret Enright
 Martin Whelan, Hollymount
Arles (10am): Michael Kane, Tennisrath
Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):

Congratulations & best wishes

to Sharon Kelly & James
 Brennan who were married in
 St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan
 recently.

We wish you many happy years together

Congratulations



Weekly Collections

Sunday 25th June

Arles:	Offertory	€113.95
	Envelope	€212.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€237.22
	Envelope	€149.45
Killeen:	Offertory	€141.02
	Envelope	€245.00

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

Summer Festival



Join young people between
 16 and 35 this August at
 the Youth 2000 Summer Festival.
 The festival takes place
 in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co
 Kildare from Thursday 10th August to
 Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival
 includes inspiring talks, music, prayer,
 concert, workshops, dramas, share groups,
 reconciliation and healing service and
 Mass. Donation only and we have buses
 going from all over Ireland. For
 more information and to book your place
 go to www.youth2000.ie

RETRACING THE FOOTSTEPS

OF ST BRIGID AND ST CONLETH

An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led
 by Bishop Nulty takes place on Saturday
 29th July. The walk begins at St Anne's
 School, The Curragh at 12noon and con-
 cludes with a prayer service in St Brigid's
 Church, Kildare at 4pm. Re-
 freshments will be available
 and all are welcome to join.
 To register for the walk please
 contact Aras Bhride on 045-
 521352 or
 email kildareparish@gmail.com



The Board of Management of Arles Na-
 tional School invites applications for the
 position of school secretary, for 6 hours
 per week over 3 days, covering the school
 calendar year.

Letter of application, CV and list of refer-
 ees can be posted to the Chairperson of
 BOM, Arles N.S, Ballickmoyler, Co.
 Laois, R93HY62. Closing date for appli-
 cations is Tuesday, July 11th. For further
 information on this position, please
 see educationposts.ie.

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

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.



Childrens Summer Camp

Designer Minds
 have 2 upcom-
 ing Summer
 Camps running
 in Carlow.

Choose a Sci-
 ence Design & Technology Camp OR Art
 Camp (or try out both and receive a dis-
 count). For all boys & girls currently in
 Senior Infants up to 6th Class. Check Dates
 and Register online
 at www.designerminds.ie or call 087 631
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10am - 1pm



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