# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

#### First reading

A reading from the book of Exodus



With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had

commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: To you be glory and praise for evermore.

#### **Second Reading**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned: but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord







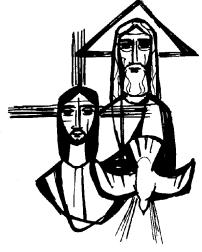
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4th June 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

# Fullness of Love

A popular expression tells us that "Two is company, three is a crowd". But the gospel would have it otherwise, for there, the figure three symbolises completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the story of our Lord. His life itself constantly reflected the Trinity. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem - the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Christ was a storyteller par excellence and three figures prominently in his parables. The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Sa-



maritan tells of the behaviour of three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain, yielding three different levels of harvest. The end of his life, as the beginning, has again the three motif. During his Passion, Peter denied him thrice. On the road to Calvary, he fell three times. The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.

God is love, as St John so powerfully stated. And in God there are Three Persons, the loving Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each



other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should be always creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

Liam Swords

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 4 June '23

Killeen (9am): David O'Neill

Bobby Miller, Ballickmoyler

Arles (10am): Jim & Ned McDonald,

Ashfield.

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Betty Kealy

Jimmy Farrell

#### Anniversaries for 11 June '23

Killeen (9am): Charlotte & William Moran,

Ballinagar

Lorraine Dunne, Killabban

Arles (10am): Christy Rowan, Tolerton

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Eamonn Byrne

John Murphy

#### Weekly Collections

Sunday 28th May

Arles: Offertory €105.06

Envelope €248.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €280.76

Envelope €254.56

Killeen: Offertory €145.50

Envelope €192.00

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

# Dates for your Diary

### **Graveyard/Cemetery Masses**

Arles - Friday 30th June at 7.30pm

Ballylinan - Saturday 1st July at 7.30pm

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Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord

# 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 contact James

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#### 24 Hour Walkathon



Friday, June 16th & Saturday, June 17th at Arles Kilcruise GAA Club. It starts at 2pm on Friday, June 16th.

It is to raise funds for Arles National School and Arles Kilcruise GAA Club.

For more info and registration, contact Debbi on 085 7144009 or Fran on 083 3037086.



Sponsor us at: idontae.ie/crowdfunder/ Arles

#### **Carlow Choral Society**

presents



A German Requiem

with the RTE Concert Orchestra

on Friday 9th June at 8pm in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.

Soloists Ailish Tynan Soprano, Benjamin Russell Baritone. Conductor Blanaid Murphy. Tickets: €25 (accompanied

under 16s free).

TICKETS on Eventbrite.ie from all choir members, & Staplestown Road Post Office, Carlow www.carlowchoralsociety.net

#### 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

From Éist Cancer Support Centre and

Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow



2023

RALLY FOR LIFE

SATURDAY 1ST JULY DUBLIN

Speakers: Isable Vaughan-Spruce, Senator Sharon Keogan, Dr Trevor Hayes, Conor O'Dowd and Mattie McGrath!!



Solemn Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

17th April—12th June 2023

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)

5th June

Speaker: Dr. Nicola Brady

Chair of the Steering Committee of the Irish Synodal Pathway

#### Safeguarding

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