



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

he is victorious, he is triumphant,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim

and horses from Jerusalem;

the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

Second Reading

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

Your interests 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, 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.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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9th July 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Finding Solace in Jesus

In the Gospel reading today Jesus invites us to find rest and solace in Him. He acknowledges the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, and He offers to share our yoke, to lighten our load. Jesus assures us that the demands of God are not beyond our strength. He invites us to turn to Him, to place our trust in Him, and to seek His help when life becomes overwhelming.

This message is profoundly relevant in our own lives. We too encounter moments when we feel overwhelmed, burdened by the challenges and trials that come our way. We may face personal struggles, societal unrest, or the weight of expectations and responsibilities. In those moments, it is easy to rely solely on our own strength, to become consumed by worry and doubt.

Relying on Jesus in Difficult Times

But the readings remind us that we are not alone. Just as God promised a new king in Zechariah's time, He has given us Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, who offers us His love, mercy, and companionship. Jesus understands our burdens because He carried the weight of the world upon His own shoulders. He beckons us to come to Him, to surrender our anxieties, and to find solace in His gentle and compassionate presence.

Turning to Jesus in our times of need requires humility, faith, and a willingness to let go of our self-reliance. It means acknowledging that we cannot navigate life's challenges alone and that we need the help of our loving Saviour. It involves surrendering our burdens and allowing Him to guide us along the path of righteousness, justice, and peace.

As we reflect on these readings, let us take comfort in the knowledge that God's promises endure, even in the most difficult of times. Let us trust in Jesus, who offers us rest for our weary souls and shoulders the weight of our burdens. May we seek His guidance, His strength, and His love in all aspects of our lives, knowing that with Him by our side, we can face any trial or tribulation. Let us turn to Him and say, "Lord Jesus, help me. I surrender my burdens to You. Grant me the grace to find rest and hope in Your loving embrace."



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: John Moran, Ballinagar and Mary Mulhall, Rathdangan and formerly of Ballyleahane who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 9 July '23

Killeen (9am): Ger O'Neill
Margaret Enright
Martin Whelan, Hollymount

Arles (10am): Michael Kane, Tennisrath

Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 16 July '23

Killeen (9am): John Oglesby

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am): Anne O'Meara

Safeguarding

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

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"Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry"

~ St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Weekly Collections

Sunday 2nd July

Arles:	Offertory	€90.15
	Envelope	€259.20
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€128.99
	Envelope	€134.70
Killeen:	Offertory	€130.93
	Envelope	€120.10

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



The Board of Management of Arles National 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 referees can be posted to the Chairperson of BOM, Arles N.S., Ballickmoyler, Co. Laois, R93HY62. Closing date for applications is Tuesday, July 11th. For further information on this position, please see educationposts.ie.



Community Employment Scheme vacancies :

Applications on jobsireland.ie and enquiries to CE Supervisor 087 2232515.

- The Swan Community Hall & Village CES2285253 – immediate start.

- St. Joseph's Cemetery, Ballyadams CES 2287659 – immediate start (This is a new position)

- Ballylinan Village CES 2285254 from 17th July 2023.

- Ballylinan Church & Hall CES2283199 from 24th July 2023B

- Ballylinan Playground & Village CES 2287061 from 28th July 2023.

- Killeen Hall & Playground CES2287065 from 28th July 2023.



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided.

If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539.

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock



The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next Sunday 16 July.

Mass at 3pm with Anointing of the Sick beforehand at 2:30pm. Newsletters & Emblems available at PTAA stand in St John's Rest & Care Centre or via www.pioneers.ie

Laois Relay for Life 2023



Emo Court

July 29th & 30th

Individuals / Clubs / Teams / Groups of Friends, from across the county and beyond, coming together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those battling cancer. Relay For Life is a celebration of solidarity and helps to raise awareness of the services provided by the Irish Cancer Society locally.

There are so many other ways to support the cause at www.relayforlife.ie/event/laois/donate

Or you can buy a Candle of Hope bag (€5 each) and dedicate it to a loved one and join us at the Candle of Hope ceremony on July 29th at dusk for an evening of music and remembrance.

More details: www.facebook.com/RelayForLifeLaois/

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