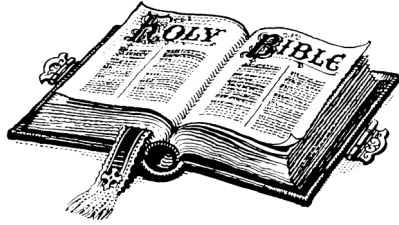


TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

Second Reading

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only crea-

tion, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord



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16th July 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection



A story about people trying to do good and not much often comes from it: one mother said, 'I hope I'll see some of my children at the altar again before I die'; a football trainer – 'I wish we won matches when he was in school' – but the fruit of all the hours came later when he scored goals for the county!

The Fruit of Effort

A big point of this story is about the fruits – 30, 60, 100 fold. When we work at love or faith, the deeper things of life, something good happens.

We try to hand on faith in the family and school situations. Sometimes you feel you see little for your work. Or love – the same. Or you give time to the family in many ways and see little for the return of love.

Love Always Bears Fruit

The consoling point of the story – you never know when you will get fruit. Love given is never lost. Like dropping something into the river, you never

know where it will end up. Love given to children in the family may bear fruit in the next generation. We never know.

Part of life is trial and effort. Jesus was the same. He threw out love like the sower throws out the seed. He knows it may fall on harsh ground. But he gives it anyway. He gave love on Calvary to everyone. God is like that. It may take years to flower. God doesn't stint the seed, nor does he stint love.

Donal Neary SJ



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 16 July '23

Killeen (9am): John Oglesby
Arles (10am):
Ballylinan (8pm): Walter Freeman, Borris
(11.30am): Anne O'Meara

Anniversaries for 23 July '23

Killeen (9am): John Byrne, Months Mind
 John Condon
 William & Peggy Ryan
 Pat & Willie Warren
Arles (10am): Eileen & Willie Keightley &
 their daughter Breda Scanlan
 Majella Brophy, Maidenhead
 (2nd Anniversary)
Ballylinan (8pm): James Davis, Milltown
 Andrew Brennan, Carlow
(11.30am):



Safeguarding

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Weekly Collections

Sunday 9th July

Arles:	Offertory	€96.47
	Envelope	€239.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€281.45
	Envelope	€555.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€109.00
	Envelope	€193.00

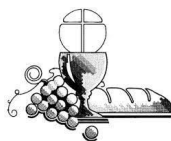
A sincere word of thanks to all those who contribute to the upkeep of our parish.



10th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Nulty

On Friday 4th August Bishop Denis will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

People, Religious and Clergy are invited to participate in the 7pm Mass on Sunday 6th August in Carlow Cathedral to mark this occasion and to acknowledge Bishop Denis' dedicated service to the diocese since coming to us in 2013.



World Day for Grandparents & Elderly

Sunday, July 23rd.



The National Grandparents Pilgrimage celebrating this day in Knock Shrine will be led by Bishop Denis. The anointing of the sick is at 2.30pm with Mass at 3pm.

This is the third year celebrating this event. The theme offered by Pope Francis this year is 'His mercy is from age to age' (Lk.1:50). We all know the wonderful part played by the elderly and by grandparents in all our parishes, so it is all the more important that we mark the celebration locally as well as universally.



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.

Under Mary's Mantle

Under Mary's Mantle is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35)

with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in the historic All Hallows campus, DCU, Dublin.

A chance to build your faith in friendship with young men and women from across the country.

Keynote speakers include poet and convert Sally Read, a one-time radical feminist who embraced the Faith, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Cistercian Fr Aelred McGee, Marian theologian Professor William A Thomas and many more. The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical Year! Mass and Confessions take place both days.

The conference takes place Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th August, with a discounted ticket available for both days. If you're free for one, single day tickets are also available.

Two day Saturday & Sunday – €60
 Day rates – Saturday €40; Sunday €30
 STUDENTS get a 10% discount – contact deusetpatria@gmail.com for discount code.



"Every adversity brings new experiences and new lessons."

~ LG Akita ~

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