

TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna,

the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord



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27th August 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who do You
Say that I am?

In today's gospel Jesus poses a question for the disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" It is a question that is put to every believer in succeeding generations. Peter's inspired answer, as distinct from mere opinion, as Jesus points out, prompts all who have found faith in Jesus to a growing understanding of who he is and the life he offers the believer.

"You are the Christ the Son of the living God", Peter answers. What exactly that means is something to be pondered in the living of one's life, facing the questions that life poses for every person. The Holy Spirit continues to reveal that it is in Jesus, life's deepest yearning for meaning finds a true starting point. Jesus said elsewhere "I have come that you may have life and life to the full".

For all who are in search of meaning, there is no better setting out point than looking to Jesus, reflecting on his words,

his deeds as recounted in the Gospels and in the lives of those who have truly found life in him, throughout the ages.



The question that Jesus posed for the disciples, offers a good place to start, for believer and searcher alike. The disciples were searching for meaning. Their search was not so much a search for a philosophy of life. It was a search for authentic life, which they had come to recognise in Jesus. They found life in his words in the ways he lived his humanity in the service of God, his Father, and in the people he so openly met and welcomed. His friendship led them to explore their own lives at the deepest level of their existence. He invites each person, who looks to him, to live the adventure of life in the same authentic ways, ready to escape the passing things of life, which stunt the emergence of our true selves.

Fr. Mill MSC



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 27 August '23

Killeen (9am):	Ellen Byrne
Arles (10am):	Patrick & Maureen Mulhall & Jack Pound
	Tadgh O'Donovan, Aghcross
Ballylinan (8pm):	Eileen Kaye (1st anniversary)
	John Doyle
(11.30am):	Jaydn Kelly.
	Betty & Bertie Dineen

Thursday 31st August: Joe Browne, Kilcruise

Anniversaries for 03 September '23

Killeen (9am):	Peggy Lennon
	Jack Behan
	Mary Wheeler
Arles (10am):	Elsie O'Reilly (1st anniversary)
	Sadie Conway, Farnans
Ballylinan (8pm):	Judy & Michael Shortall
(11.30am):	Michael Walsh (Months Mind)
	John Joe & Angela Brennan & deceased members of the Brennan & Whelan families.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 20th August

Arles:	Offertory	€178.11
	Envelope	€272.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€273.28
	Envelope	€264.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€146.87
	Envelope	€138.00

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



Killabban Graveyard Mass

**on Friday 1st September
at 7pm.**

We remember all who are buried in this ancient site associated with St Abban, who founded a church in area in 650AD. The existing ruins that occupy this special site date to 13th century.

Graigucullen Bingo

on Tuesday 29th August in St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2520

Double number €530, Lotto €2350



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Holy Spirit Prayer of Saint Augustine

Saint Augustine (354-430) created this poetic prayer to the Holy Spirit. His Feast Day is Monday 28th August.

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy. Amen.



Safeguarding

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Whist Drive

In Arles Hall every Thursday Night 8.30pm

Concert News



Join Margaret Brennan and friends for a night of

Gospel and Bluegrass Music

in The Arts Centre Athy

on Thursday 31st of August at 8pm.

Tickets €10 each

To book Ring or Text Margaret on 086 3254931.

Carlow Choral Society

Return to Rehearsals



Following an extremely successful season with performances of Brahms German Requiem with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra in Carlow Cathedral and in Philharmonie Berlin with Ensemble Crescere, Carlow Choral Society is delighted to announce that they are returning to rehearsals on Monday 04 September in the Cathedral Parish Centre, R93 XV10, with an open evening at 7:30 pm.

We are recruiting new members for the coming season and welcome all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. An ability to read music is an advantage but not a prerequisite, as support is provided.

Discover the benefits of joining our vibrant community choir and being part of a supportive network that fosters wellbeing, collaboration and lifelong connections through singing. For more information about the society visit www.carlowchoralsociety.net or email carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com.



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