

# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

## First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways — it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is close to all who call upon him.

#### **Second Reading**

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

#### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord







ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER

Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

24th September 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Novena Prayer to St. Vincent de Paul

God you were patient with St. Vincent de Paul as you moved him from self-centeredness to be centred on you.

Help me through his intercession to grant me this petition and to know that you will grant what I desire in your own time

(Mention your intention here...).

I thank you God for everything and I will imitate St. Vincent de Paul in growing in holiness through prayer, participation in the sacraments and service to my neighbour especially the poor.

Amen.



St. Vincent de Paul is the Patron of all charitable works. Through our hands and by our

kindness may we be instruments of charity in our own homes and community. May we help extend the reach of the Lord's compassion and empathy to all.

The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul is on Wednesday 27th September.



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 24 September '23**

Killeen (9am): James O'Neill

Patrick & Ellen Kenna

Arles (10am): Ann E. Conroy

Danny Brennan (7th Anniversary)

Br. Damien Seamus Brennan (4th Anniversary)

## Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Nan Julian (1st Anniversary)

Maureen Doyle (40th Anniversary)

& deceased members of the Doyle family

Michael & Mary Condron

Ann, Robert & Margaret Hutchinson & deceased members of the Hutchinson, Dwver & O'Halloran

Wednesday 10am: Tom McDonnell

(Birthday Remembrance)

## Anniversaries for 01 October '23

Killeen (9am): Tony Coll

Denis Byrne, The Forge

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): James & Maria Wall

(11.30am): Julia McEvoy

## **Weekly Collections**

Sunday 17th September

Arles: Offertory €148.70

> Envelope €274.00

Ballvlinan: Offertory €128.23

> Envelope €155.40

Killeen: Offertory €93.30

> Envelope €150.50

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



Irish Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation

#### **Podcast**

Experienced a cardiac event? 'It's Cardiac Rehab!' – a podcast series for you developed by the Irish Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Irish Heart Foundation to support your recovery. Its all about getting you better than before https:// irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiacrehab-podcast/

Ouotes from the saints: St Vincent de Paul

Read some chapter of a devout book.... It is very easy and most necessary, for just as you speak to God when at prayer. God speaks to you when you read.

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#### **Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Sunday 8th October

Bus leaving Athy Parish Church Carpark at 8.30am.

Cost €30 (Pre-booking and Pre-payment essential). Contact Athy Parish Office 059 -8638391.



#### **Indoor Bowling**

has recommenced on Tuesday evening in Killeen Hall at 7.15.

All welcome.

#### Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

#### **Concert News**

Join

MAGS B.& THE MOONLIGHT MUSIC MAKERS

for a

"Country Classics Night"

in Athy Community Arts Centre on Thursday 28th of September @ 8pm. Tickets €10 each.

To book: text or phone Mgt on 086 3254931.



## **Whist Drive**

In Arles Hall every Thursday Night 8.30pm

#### Irish Synodal Pathway

Joining in the Synod: A weekly update on the proceedings in Rome - An Online Series with 1 in-person session on Saturday 4th November.

Dates (Online): Monday evenings October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

Time: 8.30m (Each session will take place online and will be approx 20 mins duration)

In-Person: Saturday 4th November from 11am – 1pm at St John's Welcome Centre

On Saturday 4th November there will be an in-person gathering for discussion at Knock Shrine.

Each week we will bring you an update on the proceedings at the Synodal Assembly in Rome. Rev Eugene Duffy in Knock will be in conversation with Rev Eamonn Conway and other distinguished participants at the Synod in Rome, offering insights into the events and discussions of the previous week.

It is hoped that the conversations will be of particular interest to interested parishioners as well as the general public. On November 4th, we will offer an opportunity to meet in Knock to discuss the insights from the Synod and see how they might apply to dioceses and parishes.

This event is free of charge, no bookings necessary. Join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live No booking necessary.

