

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel



The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second Reading

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody

thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

1st October 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection

He talked the talk but didn't walk the walk. A good way of looking at the people of the gospel today. We all want more than talk. We look for integrity in our lives and in the lives of others. We are unhappy with hypocrisy; we can excuse and forgive weakness and sin, but find it hard to live with acceptable double standards. We criticise corruption in church and state, and expect our leaders to do what they say. We want it also in ourselves.

Deeds Not Words

St Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, says that love is proved in deeds not words. This statement, obvious and simple, comes at the end of his Spiritual Exercises, where a person has prayed on the life of Jesus and his or her own life for thirty days. St John of the Cross says that in the evening of life we will be judged on love. Jesus in this story seems to accept that we will not always do good willingly. It takes time to build up good habits and ways of behaviour. He would prefer that we do good unwillingly than do nothing at all. This is spiritual and human realism.

Learning and Doing

We learn to do good by doing good; we

learn integrity by doing our best to live with integrity. We teach young people to do good by encouraging them in their efforts in being good. The best lessons in life are learned and taught, by practice and by prayer.

Christian commitment is walking with Jesus. It is being in the world like Jesus, bringing his attitudes of compassion and justice with us. It is in trying to effect the world as he did.

Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as in heaven.

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 01 October '23

Killeen (9am): Tony Coll
Denis Byrne, The Forge
Sarah & Brian Condon

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): James & Maria Wall
Brendan Freeman, Borris

(11.30am): Julia McEvoy

Anniversaries for 08 October '23

Killeen (9am): Martin & Mary Byrne & their son Martin, Killabban

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

Killeshin Union of Parishes

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With the 'Four Hims'

in Castletown Church on Sunday 1st October at 3pm

Collection in aid of Castletown Church

Refreshments Served - All Welcome

Weekly Collections

Sunday 24th September

Arles:	Offertory	€170.65
	Envelope	€249.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€456.55
	Envelope	€230.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€145.75
	Envelope	€123.50

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



Sacramental Dates

Confirmation

Wednesday 20th March 2024

11am Ballylinan, 2pm Arles/Killeen

First Holy Communion

Saturday 27th April 2024

11am Ballylinan, 2pm Killeen

Sunday 28th April 2024

10am Arles



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 - 863 8391.



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



The Sick and Housebound in the parish will be attended this coming week.

Thursday - Arles

Friday - Ballylinan & Killeen

If you wish to be added to those who are attended monthly, please ring the Parish Office with your details. (059) 862 5456



Best of Luck to **Ballylinan GAA Club** in the Intermediate Football Championship Final this weekend.

Arles National School

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 Friday, October 13th. For further information on this position, please see educationposts.ie.

Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023

Live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 7th October.

Speakers include Fr. Sean Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddy Werner.



Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01) 4373277

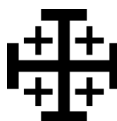
Monastic Vocations Weekend



For women at St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co Cork 28th-29th October.

For more information contact Mother Prioress: 021 4811354 or cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

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