

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or

seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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8th October 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of St. Francis (4 October)

St. Francis of Assisi was a man well known for his simplicity of life, commitment to the poor, humility and love for all God's creatures, great and small. Saint Francis reached out to those who were poor and marginalised and also to non-human creatures because of his recognition of the interconnectedness of all creation.

We pray that we might mirror the actions of St. Francis, choosing instead to live simply and humbly as respectful stewards of creation.

Prayer



Loving God, help us to find ways to live the wisdom of St. Francis of Assisi. Give us the gift of simplicity that we may be able to concentrate on you above all else. Teach us humility in our relationships with the earth and its beings.

Help us to understand poverty as the emptying of ourselves for the sake of love for our neighbour. Let the joy of St. Francis transform our own way of seeing the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Creation Prayer Service for the Feast of St. Francis
(Trócaire)



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 08 October '23

Killeen (9am): Martin & Mary Byrne & their son Martin, Killabban
May & John McDonald
Kathleen & John Flanagan.

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 15 October '23

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

Arles N.S. Parents' Association are hosting a table Quiz on Friday, October 13th at 8pm in Behans of Toler-ton.



A table of 4 people costs €40 and there will be a raffle on the night. All funds raised will go towards resources and activities for Arles National School.

All support appreciated.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 1st October

Arles:	Offertory	€143.21
	Envelope	€262.65
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€257.09
	Envelope	€216.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€147.02
	Envelope	€304.00

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

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.

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149



Athy Lions Club

Athy Lions Club presents the concert performance of "South! Always South" in St. Michaels Church, Athy on Sunday October 22nd at 7.30pm.

South! Always South is the story in music, words and pictures of explorer Ernest Shackleton's life. The concert commemorates Shackleton in a new work composed by fellow Kildare native and traditional musician Brian Hughes, who performs the Uilleann pipes and whistle. Script and narration by another Kildare native John MacKenna and they are accompanied by the Kildare County Orchestra with conductor Lorcan Daly.

This is a fundraising event to help continue the support that Lions Clubs provide to their communities throughout the year.

Tickets are available in Winkles newsagent, Athy; from any Athy Lions Club member; or online at EVENTBRITE

Killeen Altar Society

We are looking for new members from the community to join the team. Teams are rotated on a monthly basis and volunteers are called upon only once or twice a year.

This work is a vital part of the community as it ensures that we have a Church that is well maintained and is welcoming to all.



For more information or to express your interest, please contact Rosemary on (085) 724 2462 or any team member.



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



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

A Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Ballyadams on Friday 27th Oct. at 7.30 pm in honour of St. Thérèse (The Little Flower) with a special Blessing of The Little Flower Bone Relic.



En communion les uns avec les autres. En communion les uns avec les autres.

Ballylinan Community Alert



Ballylinan Community Alert will hold a Public Meeting in St. Ann's Hall on Wednesday 18th October at 8 pm. Local garda will be in attendance.



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