

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah



Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations

before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and

that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord



CONTACT



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

22nd October 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection

My mother used always say - put things where they belong. Newspapers, food, the bicycle not in the hall etc etc. Jesus says the same here - give what belongs to where it belongs.

So Jesus is being asked about taxes and politics and shifts things further. He knows he is being trapped about money. He moves on to higher questions. Something about the answer of Jesus - where do we belong?

Belonging – Control or Love

Belonging can sound heavy - as if we are being controlled. Or our money belongs to us and we can do what we like with it. But for Jesus - it's the belonging of love. Not of power and control.

It may feel like that - life and death, love, creation - many things are not in our control. We are born at God's time and die the same. This reminds us that we are not the masters of our lives, We come from God and go to God. This belonging is the centre of our human family and community is that we are God's. God doesn't want to control us but to love us.

God and Each Other

But there's a snag - belonging to God means belonging to each other. We have rights and duties of love. Give to others what belongs to others; give to the poor what belongs to the poor. Our work for

hunger, education etc is not a charity for people; it is justice. Everyone has a right to the food of the earth and the food of the mind. It's not charity when people are given food, education, a home, freedom of religion, freedom of speech - it is justice.

To give to God what belongs to God is to share the goods of the earth! Big statements which by and large only the Christian faith makes.

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

We pray for: John Bolger, Ballinagall,
Mary Hyland, Hartford Connecticut
who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 22 October '23

Killeen (9am): Kathleen Durcan
Michael & Patricia Daly
Leah Walsh & Sheila Mulhall
Arles (10am): Michael McDonald
Ballylinan (8pm): Geraldine Brennan (20th Anniversary)
Johnny, Mary & Jude Dunne

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 29 October '23

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am): Thomas & Bridget McLoughlin
Ballylinan (7.30pm): Geraldine McDonald Brennan
(11.30am): Frank McCarthy
Francis & Margaret Foley

Please Note: Our evening mass in Ballylinan will change on the weekend of the 28th/29th Oct to 7.30pm for the winter months.

Weekly Collections

Sunday 15th October

Arles:	Offertory	€91.60
	Envelope	€180.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€252.97
	Envelope	€234.40
Killeen:	Offertory	€83.88
	Envelope	€162.00

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

Carlow Flower Club



Our October/Halloween Demonstration is by Therese O'Reilly from Naas Flower and Garden Club, Tuesday 31st October at 8.00pm

Woodford Dolmen Hotel.

All arrangements will be raffled on the night. Competition for all classes will be an arrangement in a Pumpkin. Visitors welcome, visitors fee €10. There will be a plant sale on the night.

Safeguarding

DLP: Ailish Higgins, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

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.



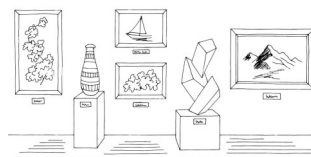
Barrow Valley Art Group

The Barrow Valley Art Group is holding a very special exhibition to mark 50 years since its foundation.

This Golden Jubilee Celebration honouring our past members and showcasing our current members' work will take place in Carlow College - St. Patrick's, from Friday 27th October to Friday 3rd November. Broadcaster and Presenter Olivia O'Leary will officially launch the exhibition at 8 p.m. on 27th with proceeds going to County Carlow Hospice.

Tickets for Friday 27th are €5 available from both BVAG Members and Hospice Committee.

Admission throughout the week is free!



Graigucullen Bingo

Tuesday 24th October in St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 43 numbers €1,090

Double number €1090, Lotto €2800



Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate effectively? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next VIRTUAL programme commences 19th – 22nd October, 2023.

For information contact Mike- 087 2526812 /Anne - 087 6874658 or send an enquiry to info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com or see www.retrouvaille.ie Completely confidential.

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat

St. Peters and Paul's Parish
Church Portlaoise

Sat. 28th October 10am to 1.30 pm



Mass (10am) - Confessions available. Retreat continues in old Sacristy (behind Altar) from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm

Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry (Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P)

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All Welcome



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