

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Proverbs



A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little

profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

The Gospel of the Lord



CONTACT



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

19th November 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parable of the Talents

Mt. 25: 14-30

I've come to understand this parable not simply as a story about money, but more broadly as a lesson about how God expects us to use our gifts to grow his kingdom on Earth.

It's often easy to look at others—the musician, teacher, artist, doctor, minister, missionary—and clearly see their gifts. We assume they have something to offer God; we assume their skills are useful for growing his kingdom on Earth. But what about the rest of us? What about office managers and stay-at-home moms, accountants, waiters, and engineers? What do we ordinary people have to offer?

The truth is, God gives each one of us gifts, though some might not be as obvious as others. Ask yourself this: what fuels my

passion? What is it that I love to do and do well? The answer to that question may very well point to your God-given gifts.

The key, of course, is to recognize your gifts and use them for the good of others. Don't play it safe, Jesus tells us in this parable. Don't hide your gifts; don't bury them, like the fearful third servant did, where they can't impact anyone else. And don't squander them either, but instead, invest them in growing the kingdom of God.



Prayer

Lord, I am grateful for the gifts you have personally chosen for me. Please give me the courage and strength to invest my gifts to grow your kingdom as you so desire. I yearn to be like the first and second servants in this story—eager to use well what I have been given. Amen.



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 19 November '23

Killeen (9am): Mary Warren

Arles (10am): John Conway, (1st Anniversary) & Patrick Conway, Farnans.

Peadar McDonald Byrne, Ashfield.

Denis Lawlor, his parents Jack & Elizabeth & brother Jimmy.

Patrick & Mary Ann Keegan

Mai & Tim Kavanagh

Michael Gleeson

Kathleen & Edward Gleeson

Patrick & Elizabeth Storey

Rose & Michael Gleeson

Martin & Ann Mealy

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Elizabeth Brennan & deceased members of the Brennan family

Peter & Josey Dunne & Breda Daly, Galmoy

Michael Gleeson

(11.30am): Pauline Frain (nee Bambrick), her son Declan, sister Mary, brother Willie & parents William & Margaret Bambrick.

Denis & Evelyn Kenny, and their son, Jude

Anniversaries for 26 November '23

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): David Myron

Mai Wall, late of Ballickmoyler

Kitty Browne, Ballinakill

Martin Brophy, Cloneybeacon

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Remembrance Mass

(11.30am): John & Bridie Maher

Weekly Collections

Sunday 12th November

Arles:	Offertory	€163.47
	Envelope	€289.50
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€508.98
	Envelope	€194.80
Killeen:	Offertory	€122.35
	Envelope	€54.00

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

November Masses for the Dead

& Recently Bereaved



During the month of November we remember those who have died and especially those who have passed away since this time last year. If you would like to have somebody remembered at these masses in our churches please ring our contacts below:

Arles—Mary McDonald Byrne 087-057 2591

Killeen—Christine Oglesby 087-654 6149

Ballylinan—Margaret Brennan 086-3254931



Killeen Mass, Thursday 23rd Nov at 7.30pm

Arles Mass, Friday 24th Nov at 7.30pm

Ballylinan Mass Saturday 25th Nov at 7.30pm



Church Door Collection

A word of thanks to all who supported the Flower Collection for the church. A total of €521 was collected.



First Communion Parents Meeting



A meeting to arrange the Parish Programme for the children will take place on Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm in Arles Hall for the parents of each of our three parish schools.



Arles ICA Celebrates 60th Anniversary



An Ecumenical Prayer service will be held in Arles Church (Wed 22nd Nov at 6.15pm) to celebrate and give thanks for the great contribution that Arles ICA has offered to our community over the years.

May it remain strong and prosper in the coming years ahead.

Arles ICA

Christmas Flower Arranging

By Helen Lucas & Ann Archibold



Wednesday 29th November

Arles Hall at 7pm. Adm. €10

Raffle & Light Refreshments Served

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)



ACN Ireland began Red Wednesday as an invitation to Christians in Ireland to stand in solidarity

with, and bear witness to the heroic example of, our persecuted brothers and sisters in faith across the world. Thanks to your continued support, we've been able to grow our mission and strengthen our message of support for the persecuted Church with the faithful of Ireland.

This year, the ACN Red Wednesday will take place on 22 November.

Ways of participating are as follows:

WEARING a red tie, scarf or scapular as a mark of the blood lost by Christians in defence of our Faith.

PRAYING for the suffering and persecuted Church at the hours of the Angelus.

DONATING to ACN Ireland.



St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan

Sunday 26th November

12 noon to 5pm



Come and buy local handcrafted gifts

Festive Food also on Sale

