

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

### First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### Second Reading

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to

be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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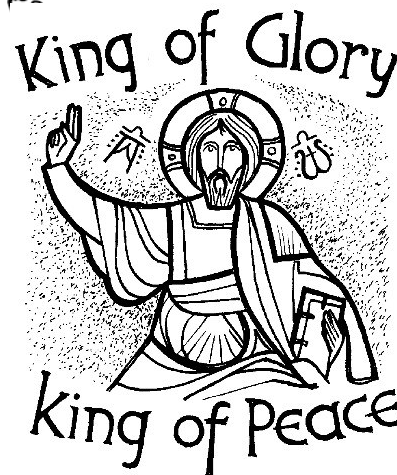


ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER

Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

26th November 2023

Christ the King



Our Liturgical Year comes to a close this weekend. We conclude our worship by centring our thoughts on Christ.

We speak of Christ as King. The Lord's kingship is not based on power and privilege, but rather on compassion, service and love. The values of His Kingdom remind us that all people should be treated with equal care.

Today, we humbly profess that these values are worth keeping, and we strive to uphold them as we enter a new year together.

## A King Like No Other

by Christine Sine

*Let us praise Jesus Christ our king*

*for the wonderful things he has done.*

*He sends out his word to heal us.*

*He satisfies the thirsty with the water of life.*

*He fills the hungry with the abundance of his kingdom.*

*Let us praise Jesus, redeemer and renewer of all things.*

*May we always trust in his goodness and love,*

*And have faith in his grace and mercy,*

*May we always believe he cares about justice and righteousness,*

*And draw our life from his eternal purposes.*

*Let us praise Jesus Christ our king and saviour,*

*May we be filled with the hope and promise of his coming,*

*And give our lives to follow him.*

*May we be gripped by his kingdom ways,*

*And walk with assurance and trust into his grace and peace. 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

**We pray for:** Grace Boran,  
Ballinagall who died  
during the past week.

### Anniversaries for 26 November '23

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):** David Myron

Mai Wall, late of Ballickmoyler

Kitty Browne, Ballinakill

Martin Brophy, Cloneybeacon

Paddy Lalor, The Strand, Ballickmoyler

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Remembrance Mass

**(11.30am):** John & Bridie Maher

Stephen & May Murphy

### Anniversaries for 3 December '23

**Killeen (9am):** Peter Kenna (1st Anniversary)

**Arles (10am):** James McDonald, Tennistrath & Ellen Nolan

May & Paddy Nolan

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Delia & Paddy Fitzpatrick

**(11.30am):** Luke Renehan (1st Anniversary)

### Killeen Altar Society

The Altar Society are holding their annual Christmas flower collection on Sunday 10th Dec. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



## Weekly Collections

Sunday 19th November

Arles:	Offertory	€287.48
	Envelope	€265.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€285.85
	Envelope	€265.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€111.02
	Envelope	€160.30

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

### Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls



A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under

a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 80-5 4226 or via [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

### First Friday of December

Confessions after 10am Mass in Arles



Arles ICA

## Christmas Flower Arranging

*By Helen Lucas & Ann Archibold*



Wednesday 29th November

Arles Hall at 7pm. Adm. €10

*Raffle & Light Refreshments Served*

## Carlow Flower Club Christmas Gala

Carlow Flower Club will hold their Charity Christmas Gala Demonstration on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. The joint demonstrators on the night will be Marie Laird and Roisin Graham. Entry Fee €10 which includes mulled wine on arrival.



Lots of ideas for decorating your home for Christmas and all arrangements will be raffled on the night. The event is in support of the Autism Charity "As I Am". Competition title for all classes "A Christmas Door Ring".



St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan

Sunday 26th November

12 noon to 5pm

*Come and buy local hand-crafted gifts*

*Festive Food also on Sale*



### An Afternoon of Prayer for Peace in The Holy Land



Will take place in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe this Sunday 26th of November from 2.45pm to 6pm Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Music, Stations of the Cross and concluding with Benediction.

## Carlow Choral Society Concert

Saturday, December 9th in Carlow Cathedral at 8pm.

Programme includes Messiah pieces and Festive carols. MARLBOROUGH BAROQUE ORCHESTRA and soloist EVA WATERS will accompany the choir. Tickets €25, and accompanied under 16 s free.

*Tickets available from choir members*

*and [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) &*

*[www.carlowchoralsociety.net](http://www.carlowchoralsociety.net)*



Thank you go everyone who was involved in The Variety Concert in aid of St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan which took place on Thursday 9th November. To all who worked behind the scenes and The fantastic variety of talent that took to the stage and to all who supported and gave donations after the concert. We raised €450. Sincere Thanks



### Carlow Union of Parishes Advent Talks 2023

Taking place in St Mary's, Haymarket, Carlow on the following dates:

Thursday 30th Nov.: Fr Peter McVerry

Thursday 7th Dec.: Leona O'Callaghan,

Abuse Survivor

Thursday 14th Dec.: Mary Amond O'Brien  
Carlow Community Choir

Sunday 17th Nov.: Bernard Lynch,

LGBTQ+ Advocate

*All talks take place at 7.30pm, admission is free. For more information please contact 086-4113989 or email [paulfitz1000@hotmail.com](mailto:paulfitz1000@hotmail.com)*