



### First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

### Second reading

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

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord



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3rd December 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

## Our Hope for Peace



Advent is a holy season where we directs our hearts and minds to the presence of Christ among us.

Christ was born into our world on that first Christmas, and His uplifting presence has never left our side. In this period of waiting we allow that belief to well up in our hearts. We pray for the grace to be able to sense the power of the Spirit in our lives.

As a time of waiting, Advent also reminds us that while we wait to celebrate the Saviour's birth at Christmas, God waits for us too. Our loving Creator waits for us to open our hearts to His presence so that he may bestow upon each of us the gift of peace: a peace that speaks of healing, hope and solidarity. He says to each of us at this time: 'do not worry for I am here'.



## Advent Prayer

*Loving God,*

*On this Advent day we turn to you in prayer.*

*As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us.*

*Bring your healing upon us and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace.*

*May your peace guard our heart, our mind and our home.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Come. Lord Jesus.*



## 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 3 December '23

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

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

May Nolan (1st Anniversary) & husband, Paddy

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

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

### Anniversaries for 10 December '23

**Killeen (9am):** Mary Behan (Months Mind)

**Arles (10am):** Betty Byrne, Ballickmoyler (1st Anniversary)

Sean Kenna

Patrick & Mariah Kealy

James & Anna Kealy, Ashfield

Anna Brennan, Arles

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Phyllis Flynn

John & Niall McDonald

**(11.30am):**



### A Month of Prayer for Peace

We have been invited by Bishop Denis to pray for peace during this month of December. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we pray that it may be a time of peace and goodwill for all.

## Weekly Collections

Sunday 26th November

Arles: Offertory €127.83

Envelope €257.00

Ballylinan: Offertory €399.20

Envelope €191.40

Killeen: Offertory €175.45

Envelope €240.00

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



The Sick and Housebound in Ballylinan & Killeen will be attended next Thursday morning 7th December. Those in Arles will be attended on Thursday afternoon.



## Congratulations

and best wishes to:

Dee McCaul & Ross Munnelly

recently married in Arles Church.

*May you know many years of happiness together.*



## Christmas Whist Drive

In Arles Hall Thursday 14th Dec. 8.30pm

## First Holy Communion Parish Mass



Next Sunday we welcome the children preparing for their First Holy Communion to our Sunday masses. We wish them all the best as they begin their programme; may it be for them a special year in their young lives.

## St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Ballylinan Church next Weekend



9th & 10th December

*Please give generously.*

## Killeen Altar Society

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



## Christmas Carol Service

Friday 22nd December St. Abban's Church,

Killeen at 7.30pm

*All are welcome to gather in praise*



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8th December.

Mass times for the Holy Day are as follows:

9am Killeen, 10am Arles &

11.30am Ballylinan.



Carlow Choral Society

## Christmas Celebration Concert

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

The programme includes Handel's Messiah part one plus the rousing Hallelujah chorus, Monteverdi's Beatus Vir, as well as many favourite Christmas carols for the audience to sing along with. The concert will feature the Marlborough Baroque Orchestra, soprano Eva Waters, organist Yvonne Collier and conductor Blanaid Murphy.



*Admission is €25.00 and the concert is free for under 16s accompanied by an adult.*

*Tickets are available*

*Tickets available from [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) & Choir Members*

## Carlow Union of Parishes Advent Talks 2023

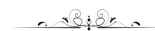
Taking place in St Mary's, Haymarket, Carlow on the following dates:

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)*



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