First reading

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy



Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own

brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second reading

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make

sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord



St. Brigid's Day - Thursday 1st February

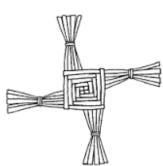
St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell. Bless every fireside, every wall and door. Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof. Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy. Bless every foot that walks portals through. May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.



Prayer to St. Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.



You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace

cover those who are troubled and anxious.

and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen



Recitation of the Rosary (Arles): 9.30am Tuesday - Friday

Confession: After 10am Arles Mass (First Friday)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday 11am - 1pm (Killeen) & Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm (Ballylinan)

In Memoriam

We pray for: Michael Stynes, Arles who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 28 January '24

Killeen (9am): Jimmy Moran & Anna Evans,

Ballinagar

James Julian, Grange, (10th Anniversary)

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm): John McHugh

(11.30am):

Anniversaries for 4 February '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Thomas McDonnell, Carlow Rd

Denis, Christina & Bernadette Murphy

(11.30am): Dick Donohoe & parents Denis & Ellen

Margaret Bambrick

Friday (10am): Mary & Peter Farrell, Arles

Anniversaries for 11 February '24

Killeen (9am): Ann Kelly, Tierernane

Bernie Kelly

Arles (10am): Paddy Doogue

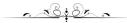
Jimmy O'Shea & parents Mary & James O'Shea

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): Patrick (Paddy) Dunne, Ballycorman

Parish Office closed next week.

It will reopen Tuesday 6th Feb.



St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin Parish

Takes place on Monday
5th February starting at St Brigid's
Shrine, Mountrice at 11 am, led by Bishop Denis.
The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the
new canal Blueway and finish in Sts
Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin
with a service of light at 12.30pm.

Cathedral Evening Prayer on the Feast of St Brigid

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for a special celebration of Evening Prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow at 7:30 pm on February 1st.

Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

A wonderful way to join as a diocesan family as we mark the 1500th anniversary of the patron of our diocese, St Brigid.

Ballylinan NS. Enrolment is now open for junior infants at Ballylinan NS. Applications will be accepted via www.ballylinannationalschool.com until Friday February 9th. For further information contact the school at 059 8625195 or principal@ballylinanns.com

Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 30th Jan. in St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 46 numbers €1740

Double number €810, Lotto €3500



Carlow Flower Club

January meeting will be a Flower Arranging Demonstration by Paula Dowling AOIFA Techer and Demonstrator.

30th January 8.00pm

Woodford Dolmen Hotel

The competition for all categories will be "A Romantic Table Centre".



All arrangements will be raffled on the night.

Visitors fee €10.

All welcome.



Notice

No morning mass in Arles next week.

Parish Contact Details



Parish Office: (059) 862 5456

Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

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Contact: Michael Nerney 086 815 7305

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Drop off....to Killeen Hall Tues (Feb 20th) & Friday 23rd

8:30-9:30am & 01:30-02:30pm
Saturday 24th 11am-3pm and final drop
Monday February 26th 8:30-10am
We accept All Womens, Mens and Childrens
Clothing, Paired Footwear, handbags, Belts,
Soft toys (teddies), Curtains, Towels, Bedlinen (duvet covers, sheets, pillowcases,
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