



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second reading

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself

weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord



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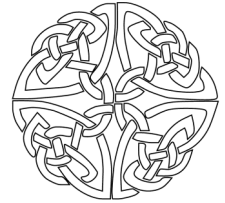
Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

4th February 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life is precious

Amidst all the rich variety of life on earth, human life is cause for special wonder. We alone can contemplate the beauty around us. We alone can create art and music and literature to express this beauty. We alone can love one another.



Each human being has the capacity to experience and express this beauty and love in a unique way and, in doing so, to enrich others. We know that we did not create the beauty and the love around us. We know that we did not create ourselves.

When we say that human life is sacred we are recognising something that is sensed not only by religious people but by everyone who appreciates the wonder of human life. As human beings we depend on one another and so others have the right to expect something from us – it is the right to be recognised and respected and never to be treated as less than he or she is. That is true at every moment of our life – from its first beginnings to its natural end.

Choose Life



Religious Services to attend

Morning Mass (Arles): 10am Tuesday - Friday

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: Margaret Fenlon (Arles),
Katie Graham (Ballinagall) and Mona Morris
(Ballylinan) who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 4 February '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Thomas McDonnell, Carlow Rd
Denis, Christina & Bernadette Murphy

(11.30am): Requiem Mass: Mona Morris, Ballylinan

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
Dick Donohoe & parents Denis & Ellen



Ceremony of Light

Tuesday 6th Feb

at 7.30pm: St. Anne's Church,
Ballylinan

We keep all our young people in our prayers at this special time in their lives as they prepare for their Confirmation.

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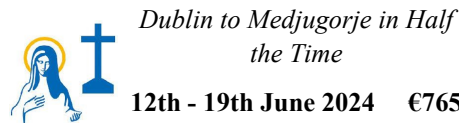


"Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week?"

ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539."

M. Nerney Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2024

Direct flights to Mostar - Medjugorje



Dublin to Medjugorje in Half the Time

12th - 19th June 2024 €765

Price increases to €815 after 2nd Feb 2024

Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland C.C.

Contact: Michael Nerney

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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

Graigucullen Monster Bingo

Tuesday 6th Feb. in St. Fiaces Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 49 numbers €1870

Double number €880, Lotto €3550

Over €10,000 in prizemoney to be won!!



Free Online Reflection & Meditation

Join us for 40 minutes to find healing and hope through the Sunday Gospel.



We will do this through input, music, guided prayer etc...to help nourish the soul for the week ahead.

Sunday Evenings 6.45p.m. Online via Zoom

(4th, 11th, 18th February)

Presented By Martina & The Ruah Team <https://www.ruahrest.com/>

Further enquiries & bookings to info@ruahrest.com



Divine Mercy Sat 24th Feb.

Bus from Carlow. Enquires: Noeleen (086)2415986. Deposit €10 secures seat.

Guitar Lessons available for Beginners.

Provided by qualified primary school teacher with a degree in Music Lessons provided to both individuals and small groups. Please contact 0871340065 or guitarlessons2024@gmail.com for more information.



Nourishing our Communities:



You are invited to an evening on Tuesday the 20th of February about growing food in our communities, for our communities.

The event kicks off with a screening of "Together We Grow" (40 mins), the true story of a community enriched by growing food for their neighbours. A panel discussion, refreshments and chat will follow. Organised by the Co. Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN), please contact info@ccen.ie for information.

Venue: Presentation de la Salle School, Baginbally, R21 X096 at 7:15pm – 9:30pm FREE admission, book a seat on the CCEN Eventbrite page through our website:

www.ccen.ie/together-we-grow/

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Carlow Union of Parishes

Are holding a series of talks from 22nd February to

20th March in St Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow. All are welcome to attend.



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