

First reading

A reading from the book of Leviticus



The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation..

Second reading

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody

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else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

11th February 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Any story involving leprosy is a story of inclusiveness with Jesus. The people whom nobody wanted were deep in his heart. Jesus wanted to make his life better and in this case, the man was cured. It was spoken about all over the area he worked in. The news spread of this new religious man, a prophet maybe, but one who went where nobody else would go.

Home in our hearts

Jesus sees into the heart and there he finds a home, because God his Father lives in each of us. His motivation is his deep relationship with all of us. He will cleanse any of the unacceptable sides of ourselves so that we see ourselves as image of God, forgiven and clean. Can we see others like that?

Who would be those he would reach today like this? Maybe the people who want to change their lives from condemnation by self and others. we can name them often, and our society can be cruel on prisoners and their families, abusers of any sort, prostitutes, victims of AIDS and many others. God only wants that we want to do good, to change our lives and then he looks for us like the lost sheep. He offers a way out of condemnation and that is often through the goodness and care of another.

This is also the tenderness of Jesus; the one whom the man with leprosy would trust would not do him wrong. Like the tenderness of the mother welcoming the child home.

Jesus, healer of souls, heal what keeps me from loving like you.

Donal Neary SJ



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: Katie Graham (Ballinagall) who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 11 February '24

Killeen (9am): Ann Kelly, Tierernane

Bernie Kelly

Arles (10am): Paddy Doogue

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

Alice Rowan, Tolerton

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

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

Dick Donohoe & parents Denis & Ellen

Anniversaries for 18 February '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Kathleen Wall, Ballinagall & sister Mary Koster

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): Breda Kelly, Kilkenny Rd (1st Anniversary)

Michael Gillick (1st Anniversary)

"Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child."

~ St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross ~

(St. Edith Stein)



This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday (14th Feb.), the beginning of Lent.

Mass times are as follows:

Killeen: 9am

Arles: 10am

Ballylinan: 11.30am



Parish Office & Shop

Opening Hours: Tuesday & Friday

10am - 1pm

Weekly Collections

Sunday 4th February

Arles:	Offertory	€ 98.42
	Envelope	€ 236.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€ 534.82
	Envelope	€ 202.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€ 123.72
	Envelope	€ 228.00

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

Annual Trócaire Lecture

You are invited to attend The St. Patrick's College Maynooth Annual Trócaire Lecture, the theme this year is Climate Justice and Catholic Social Teaching: **'Everything is connected' and 'No one is saved alone' (Laudate Deum, 19).**

Registration for this free event is required. Please register:

to attend in person at this link: <https://forms.gle/3qAuyM4orvtT1mtL8>

to attend online at this link: <https://bit.ly/3ShyIv>

The event will feature Rev. Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator SJ, former president of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar and current Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, California.

The event will take place in Renehan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, the 5th of March 2024, at 7 p.m. GMT. It will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

For further enquiries please contact Frances

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Trócaire

"Love...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13, 4-7.

To find out more visit www.trocaire.org

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 03rd March 2024

€799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Full Board. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry.

Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email: knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com.



Safeguarding

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Divine Mercy Conference

The conference will take place in the RDS this year on the 23rd, 24th and 25th February, 2024. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. The conference will be broadcast online through our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge and on churchservices.tv. It will also be available (audio only) on www.RadioMaria.ie and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277 and also on www.ShalomWorld.org.

The theme of this year's Conference is: "Jesus I Trust In You." This is a call to trust in God. Trust is the opposite of fear. Our speakers for this year are: Bishop Alphonsus Cullinane D.D. Fr Pat Collins C.M, Fr. Eunan Mc Donnell SDB, Fr. Brendan Walsh SAC, Fr Jaimie Twohig SAC, Sr. Mary Claire Kenneally OLM and Sr. Donata Farbaniec OLM.

Tickets: €40 weekend, Saturday €35 and Sunday €25, available through PayPal on our website; from 22 Castle Grove, Clondalkin, Dublin D22Y2W9; or at the RDS door.

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