



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading

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

Since you have been brought back to true life

with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord



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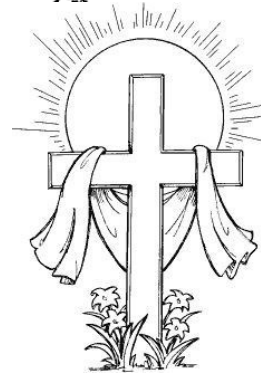
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31st March 2024

Easter Sunday



On the Hope of Easter



The Cross is an ancient symbol. Expressed lyrically, there is cruciform structure to every pain, difficulty, and sadness. In this sense, the Cross is not an external object that belongs far away on a hill in Jerusalem. Rather, the shape of the Cross is internal to the human heart. Every heart has a cruciform shape.

When you look at the different conflicts in your life, you find that they are placed where the contradictions cross each other. At the nerve of contradiction, you have the centre of the Cross, the nail of pain where two intimate but conflicting realities criss-cross. To view the standing Cross is to see how it embraces all directions. The vertical beam reaches from the lowest depth of clay to the highest zenith of divinity, the horizontal beam stretches the breadth of the world.

The promise to each of us is that we will never be called to walk the lonely path of suffering without seeing the footprints ahead of us which lead eventually over the brow of the hill where Resurrection awaits us. Behind the darkness of suffering, a subtle brightening often manifests itself. Two lines in a poem by Philippe Jaccottet echo this: "Love, like fire, can only reveal its brightness / on the failure and the beauty of burnt wood." There is consolation and transfiguration here. The fires of suffering are disclosures of love. It is the nature of the lover to suffer. The marks and wounds that suffering leave on us are eventually places of beauty. This is the deep beauty of soul where limitation and damage, rather than remaining forces that cripple, are revealed as transfiguration

John O'Donohue, Eternal Echoes



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: Jackie Behan, Tiereran who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 31 March '24

Our Masses on Easter Sunday are offered for all our faithful departed.

May they know the joy of the Risen Lord in the happiness of heaven.

Anniversaries for 7 April '24

Killeen (9am): Sheila Byrne, The Forge
Arles (10am): Gerry Kealy, Ashfield (2nd Anniversary)
Ballylinan (8pm): Christopher Nolan
(11.30am): Margaret McEvoy

Anniversaries for 14 April '24

Killeen (9am):
Arles (10am): Collie Kennedy
Ballylinan (8pm): Rose Jordan & deceased members of the Brennan family
(11.30am): James, Elizabeth, JJ & Paddy Brennan, Clonpierce.

The annual Easter Clergy Collection for takes place at all Masses this Easter weekend. As always, we appreciate people's ongoing generous financial support.

Offering Envelopes



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Weekly Collections

Sunday 24th March

Arles:	Offertory	€170.19
	Envelope	€258.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€313.22
	Envelope	€222.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€120.03
	Envelope	€204.50

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

seniorline
National Confidential Listening Service
for Older People

Would you like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10.00 am to 10.00 pm, they can be contacted on Freephone 1800 80 45 91.

Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and refer the caller to other helpful services available if necessary.

So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help, phone SeniorLine.

Safeguarding

DLP: Mick Daly, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

25th Pioneer National Ball



Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25th Pioneer National Ball next month. An evening of celebration and fun

on Saturday April 6th 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626.

Easter Carol Service

There will be an Easter 'Carol Service' on Friday 5th April 2024 in the Dominican College Church, Newbridge. Sing-along and listen to hymns old and new, singing our belief in the Lord's conception, birth, epiphany, transfiguration, suffering, rising, and ascending, and return in glory. The Service is in aid of Lauralynn Children's Hospice.



No Morning Mass or Rosary in Arles this coming week.

Parish Office & Shop

Parish Office & Shop (059) 862 5456 will be closed for Easter. It will reopen again on Tuesday 9th April at 10am.

Bóthar



Irish charity Bóthar are dedicating their Easter Appeal to humanitarian aid for Palestine. Cheques or Postal Orders may be sent to Bóthar, Regus Castletroy, Business Reply, Limerick, V94 Y6FD. Donations by phone on 1800 26 84 63 or online at Bóthar.ie.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock



Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14th April 2024. Please ring 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Full bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

Trócaire

Parishioners are invited to return their Trócaire Boxes to any of our three churches over the Easter period. Many thanks for your support for the Lenten Campaign.

Arles Parents Association will be holding their annual fundraising cake sale this morning, Easter Sunday, after Mass in Arles Hall, Your support would be appreciated.

