



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord



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ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER



Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

7th April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

An Easter Reflection

Springtime

Your message of hope
to a world tiring of winter's starkness
longing for that first crocus
to push through snow's icy blanket
and spread its leaves
like arms outstretched
to its creator

Springtime

Our yearly reminder, if we needed one
that to a world that was dark and cold
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth
you sent your Son
to break through sin's icy blanket
and, arms outstretched
on a cross
he brought us
hope
Thank you



There is real wisdom, Lord, in the adage 'It is always Springtime in the heart that loves God.' Springtime is a season of optimism and hope and the Christian lives a faith centred on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond.

We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord for the hope that you bring, the renewal that you bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

John Birch (www.faihandworship.com)



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

Anniversaries for 7 April '24

Killeen (9am): Sheila Byrne, The Forge
Arles (10am): Betty O'Kelly, Ballickmoyler
(Months Mind)
Gerry Kealy, Ashfield (2nd Anniversary)
Ballylinan (8pm): Christopher Nolan
(11.30am): Margaret McEvoy

Anniversaries for 14 April '24

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

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.



Mater Dei Education Spring Conference 2024

The Mater Dei Education Spring Conference 2024 takes place in the De La Salle Retreat Centre in Castletown, Co Laois on 28th April 2024. Registration takes place at 10.30 am. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 11.00 am celebrated by Bishop Connell.

The conference is an opportunity for parents and teachers to hear inspiring speakers, listen and learn from other parents, and explore options in independent education, hybrid learning or home-schooling.

The afternoon will include a keynote talk from Fr. Conor McDonough O.P. on Catholic education in Penal Ireland and will conclude with a panel discussion at 3.00 pm.

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Cost is €10.00, lunch provided on the day.

Registration is online at: <https://materdeieducation.ie/>.

Safeguarding

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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.



Killeen Tidy Towns

together with LOETB

have organised a free

MASTER COMPOSTING

WORKSHOP

at Killeen Hall on

Sat April 13th from 11:00am til 12: 30.

Registration with Hazel at 10:45am

PPS numbers necessary for Registration.

Tutor will deal with :

*Different composting systems

*Construction of a composting site in your garden or in your community which will convert grass cuttings, uncooked fruit & veg into nourishing compost at no cost.

Bring along a bucket of any of the above for demonstration purposes.

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.



Invitation to Meditation

Carlow Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings from 7pm to 7:45pm in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow.

Meditation, the universal practice of silent contemplation, can awaken the heart, deepen our spiritual sensitivity and promote our wellbeing. After a short reflection on an aspect of meditation, Marian Gaynor's singing bowls lead us into silence. No need to book – just turn up on any Monday evening! (Noel Keating, 087 2251183)



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.

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