



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not

yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

PRAYER FOR FAVOURABLE WEATHER

God our Father,

we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace.

We come before you with humble hearts,

seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with the favourable weath-

er which we so badly need at this

time, especially for our farming community

and all others whose livelihoods depend on it.

Grant them strength and perseverance in their work.

In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment,

knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges

and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life.

Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them,

recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life.

Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of the earth

and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it.

May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 21 April '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Tony Noctor

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): William Bambrick (1st Anniversary)

Anniversaries for 28 April '24

Killeen (9am): Jackie Behan (Months Mind)

Arles (10am): Holy Communion

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): John & Elizabeth Byrne



The Village Run

Sunday 28th April 2024

Ballylinan GAA will host this run from 8am. It incorporates a series of road races including:

Marathon at 8.15am

Half Marathon at 10am

10k at 10.30am

5k at 10.45am



Feel free to come out and cheer on the runners and walkers as they pass your door



St Patrick's Pontifical University Maynooth Blending Learning Higher Diploma/Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy

This programme is suitable for those interested in:

An accredited foundation programme in Pastoral Liturgy

Training to be involved with Liturgy at a diocesan and parish level

A better understanding of the liturgical life of the Church, which is the highest expression of Theology in the Catholic tradition

The blended learning format of this programme, combining online classes with some on-campus learning, gives participants the flexibility to fit in learning around their other life commitments.

For more information on this programme, contact the admissions team by



The Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice

The JCFJ Annual Lecture "Enabling Death? Euthanasia from a disability perspective" takes place on 25th April 2024 in Gardiner Street Church, Dublin at 7pm. Tickets are available on Eventbrite, please contact info@jcfj.ie for details.

Safeguarding

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Carlow Flower Club

Our April flower night will be a demonstration by Christine Hughes. Christine is

the recently retired President of AOIFA, and she is also a judge, teacher and demonstrator. Christine's demonstrations are events not to be missed.

Looking forward to seeing all our members and friends on Tuesday April 30th at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel. There will be a plant sale on the night and the competition for all classes is "The Garden Awakens"



Visitors welcome - €10 entry



Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

8th April - 3rd June 2024

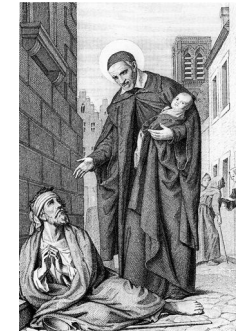
Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)

22nd April

Speaker: *Ben Scallan*

*Senior Political Correspondent @Griptmedia
Irish Journalist and Commentator*

Saint Vincent De Paul Hidden - But Still Among Us



Prisoners are easy to forget. Locked in institutions, they seem to disappear from society's sight. But prisoners still belong to the society that incarcerates them. Most will eventually be released, and the experience they have in prison will greatly affect their ability to adjust to life 'outside' as law-abiding citizens.

The Society of the St. Vincent de Paul have a panel of people that visit inmates in Midlands and Portlaoise Prison. If you wish to be involved, please text 0860462405.



Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock

Sunday 2nd June 2024

Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica

Monthly Peace Mass



in Carlow Cathedral on Thursday 25th. Starting at 7p.m. With Rosary, Divine Mercy followed by Mass. Celebrant Fr Michael Duffy. OFM. Capuchin.

All are welcome.

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