



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known

God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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5th May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Reflection

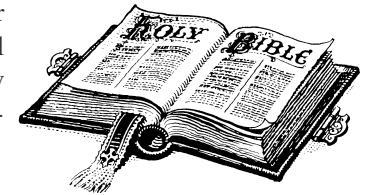
Servanthood is the mark of true Christian living. Jesus emphasized this during the Last Supper, saying that he came not to be served, but to serve, and that likewise we should serve one another. In his parables, he often referred to believers as "servants" of the Kingdom. But in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says that he wants us to be his friends, not his slaves. Is he contradicting himself? Not at all! Friends serve because they care. Slaves serve because of duty and the fear of punishment.



Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Do we hear this as a friend or as a slave? Slaves are afraid of what will happen if they fail to keep God's commandments; they are self-protective. Friends are eager to find out what God commands, because they view the commandments from the perspective of love, as opportunities to serve; they are other-oriented.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another the way I love you." It's the supreme commandment; call it the Commandment of Friendship. He says, "You know how I love you, my friends: I openly share with you everything that the Father tells me." His friends realize that what he shares (through scripture and through the Church) reveals our opportunities to love. Every commandment is rooted in love. Every Church teaching is based on scriptures that help us know when and how to love.

Friends know that God always loves them, and in this love, they are free to serve one another joyfully.



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 05 May '24

Killeen (9am): Annie & William Dooley
Edward & Margaret Warren

Arles (10am): Patrick & Kathleen Bolton, The Strand

Ballylinan (8pm): Kathleen O'Connor, Carlow Road,
(2nd Anniversary)

(11.30am): William Foster (2nd Anniversary)

Anniversaries for 12 May '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD



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

March For Life Ireland 2024



Shining A Spotlight On Ireland's Abortion Law And Calling For Positive Supports For Mothers

Our Next March: Save The Date

Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2pm, 2024

Marching In Dublin From St. Stephen's Green To Leinster House.

Join Us In Advocating For Change, Unity, And Empowerment For Mothers And Their Babies. Be A Part Of Something Bigger – Let's Make A Difference Together. Takes place at 2pm on Monday 6th May in Dublin, marching from St Stephens Green to Leinster House

Healthcare Chaplaincy

Symposium 2024



This is a symposium for everyone involved in Healthcare Chaplaincy or thinking about Pastoral Care which is taking place on Tuesday 25th June (9.15 am – 4 pm) in the Gibson Hotel, Point Square, North Dock, Dublin 1.

The theme this year - The Caring Heart: Professional and Passionate, it is free to attend, registration is required in advance to attend, by contacting Jenny Collins - jcollins@bonsecours.ie.

Safeguarding

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

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All-Ireland Pollinator Plan For May



Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. Why? This

action helps to restore species-rich grasslands: a vital habitat providing food and shelter for pollinators. Where? Everywhere! Roadside verges, lawns, schools, parks, field margins, farm lanes.

Take part in #NoMowMay and leave your lawnmower in the shed for May.

For more information see pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/



Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

8th April - 3rd June 2024

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)

6th May

Speaker: *Geraldine Mullan*

A story of faith and hope after the tragic death of her husband and two children in 2020.

Cycle Again Suicide Mental Health Peer Support Programme



In a drive to promote Peer-Support as a vital link in mental health awareness and suicide prevention, Cycle Against Suicide offers its training in Mental Health Peer-Support Programme free of charge to any community volunteer.

Our training in Mental Health Peer-Support for Clubs and Communities creates a compassionate network within a club and a community. Trained peer-supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern. Each club or community association should have a volunteer peer-supporter on-hand who is trained in peer-support with Cycle Against Suicide. Please could you communicate the new dates for our training in Mental Health Peer-Support to all volunteers in your network.

Our next scheduled dates:

Course: Cycle Against Suicide's free* Community Mental Health Peer Support Training

Delivery: Online via Zoom from 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

Dates: Option 1: May: Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Mon 20th, Wed 22nd - Spaces available

Option 2: June: Mon 10th, Wed 12th & Mon 17th, Wed 19th - Open now

Option 3: September: Mon 23rd, Wed 25th & Mon 30th, Wed 2nd Oct - Open now

To register: www.cycleagainstsuiticide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/

or email: training@cycleagainstsuiticide.com

*Training is free to over-18s, non-healthcare professionals who volunteer in a community club and association.

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