

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of

what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord



CONTACT



ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER



Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

12th May 2024

Ascension of the Lord



into the church of Christ; we live out our faith in different denominations, unfortunately. Today is the feast of the whole church – we begin in him and end in him. The renewal of our faith comes through living with Jesus, partners in our mission. And in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body. His life embodies the good and the evil – we note the two Thursdays – holy Thursday the day he suffered, he was the servant, the one who gave himself for all time. Ascension used be on a Thursday – the other Thursday of joy. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven. Encouraging the good and overcoming the evils and sin of society and of each of us. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

Donal Neary SJ

Reflection

I asked a lady once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said 'if he was here he would be there.' He never moved far! Jesus – he is here and there. The risen lord has moved on. But not fully so that he has left us. Even though he has gone in a certain way, he is still among us. His Spirit dwelling in us.

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. We will never see him in the skies...his body now is the church and that's us – the man of heaven and the God of earth.

We are Christ's

Before we are any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptised



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 12 May '24

Killeen (9am): Joe Mahon (4th Anniversary)

Patrick & Kathleen Walsh, Ballyfoyle

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): Tess McDonald (18th Anniversary)

Bridget O'Brien (40th anniversary) & Joe O'Brien

(11.30am): Regina Bailey (9th Anniversary)

Anniversaries for 19 May '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Mary McDonald, Tennistrath & Bridie Nolan

Patrick Kelly & deceased members of the Kelly family, Ashfield.

Ballylinan (8pm): Brian McElroy

(11.30am): Michael Loughman

Paul Davis

Maureen & Joe Mulhaire, Skehana

KNOCK

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday 2nd June 2024

Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica

'Come Follow Me'

Weekend / Workshop

An introductory training weekend to teach children (ages 7–11) about the Catholic faith using the 'Come Follow Me' catechetical programme on the 7th – 9th June 2024, for use in parishes and schools. Presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary's Church, the Claddagh, Galway. No previous experience required!

For more information and to register, please contact Ruth on (087) 4090344 or email comefollowmegalway@gmail.com

Weekly Collections

Sunday 5th May

Arles:	Offertory	€250.84
	Envelope	€293.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€251.70
	Envelope	€196.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€188.50
	Envelope	€214.00

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

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Understanding Our Natural Environment - Training Opportunity



Carlow Climate Action Team is organising Citizen Science training in conjunction with

Wild Works training organisation on May 14th and June 11th in Myshall Community Centre and surrounding countryside.

At the training, attendees will learn to recognise; wildflowers, songbirds, recording pollinators, identifying significant tree species, and how to do a kick sample to identify aquatic invertebrates. We will also learn how to share these skills with other people in our community.

If interested in attending contact: Áine Byrne on byrnea@carlowcoco.ie



Whist Drive

In Arles Hall every Thursday Night 8.30pm



Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Clare's Graiguecullen

8th April - 3rd June 2024

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)

13th May

Speaker: *David Walsh*

Co-founder of Netwatch and more recently Halo Care—strategic thinker and vocal advocate of entrepreneurship

Theology Open Day



Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level.

Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home.

Click here or visit our website prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 25 May.

This is the link to register for the Online Open Day

<https://prioryinstitute.com/events/open-day-saturday-may-25>

County Carlow Environmental Network Free Film Event

County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN) in partnership with The Visual Carlow are showing the film "The Seeds of Vandana Shiva" on the 29th May 2024 at 7 pm. A visually stunning film which shows how Vandana Shiva brought her scientific expertise and principles of non-violent resistance to support the struggles of poor Indian villagers. This film is free but booking is required: <https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/the-seeds-of-vandana-shiva>



Graiguecullen Bingo

Tuesday 14th May 2024 in St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 40 numbers €700

Double number €1090,

Lotto €1200



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