

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles



When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

R sponsorial Psalm

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but

always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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19th May 2024

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost

A Time to Say Yes to the Work of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

Scholars tell us that the first Pentecost took place during the Jewish Feast of Weeks. This was a festival at which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in thanksgiving. But on this particular day, instead of giving our first fruits to God, he gave his first fruit—the Holy Spirit—to us.

And what an amazing gift the Spirit has been! To put it quite simply, Pentecost is all about the fact that Almighty God has come to live in human hearts, making ordinary people into extraordinary saints.

After Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to the apostles and, breathing on them, said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22). Just as he did at Pentecost, Jesus wants to breathe God's energy into our hearts every day. The spiritual dynamic that was present at that first Pentecost, moving people to love God, to seek out holiness, and to

come together as a church, is still at work today.

How can we tell if this breath of God is active in our lives? We will feel energized by the Spirit, and we will want to set our sights on being like Jesus. We will feel moved to go to work for the kingdom, relying on the Spirit's power and guidance. We will try to be more loving, more kind, and more patient.

Right now, stop and take a few deep breaths. In your mind, imagine yourself breathing in the Spirit. Picture yourself accepting the Lord and his plans, and letting go of your own plans and visions. Jesus has great plans for every member of his church. And that includes you!

"Lord Jesus, breathe on me and make me more alive to God. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your life!"



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: Sean Connolly, Hollymount who died during thing past week.

Anniversaries for 19 May '24

Killeen (9am): Pierre & Annie Kelly & their children Eamon & Margaret

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

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

John Browne

Paddy Fenlon & deceased members of the Fenlon family

Ballylinan (8pm): Brian McElroy

(11.30am): Michael Loughman

Paul Davis

Maureen & Joe Mulhaire, Skehana

Anniversaries for 26 May '24

Killeen (9am): Jim McDonald (1st Anniversary)

Kathleen Simpson

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm): Jim Doyle, Gurteen (3rd Anniversary)

(11.30am): Bridie & Willie Kaye

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Dates for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Killeen - Friday 7th June at 7.30pm

Ballylinan - Saturday 8th June at 7.30pm

Mayo - Friday 14th June at 7.30pm

Killabban - Friday 21st June at 7.30pm

Arles - Friday 5th July at 7.30pm

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Weekly Collections

Sunday 12th May

Arles: Offertory €80.04

Envelope €271.65

Ballylinan: Offertory €276.16

Envelope €514.00

Killeen: Offertory €184.70

Envelope €141.20

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

Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine



Sunday 2nd June 2024

Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica

Ballylinan National School

Ballylinan N.S. are delighted to announce the launch of our school lotto. The monies raised through the lotto will go directly towards improving the school facilities and resources. We hope that the weekly option of just €2.50 for one line, or €5 for three lines, will allow everybody to contribute. Our first draw takes place May 30th with additional spot prizes available if you are signed up in time. You might just be the lucky winner! Thank you.



SCAN ME



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)

20th May

Speaker: *Derek McGrath*

Former centre forward and previous manager of the Waterford Senior Hurling Team

Killeshin Church, Carlow



Afternoon Tea

Served between 2pm and 4pm

in Gena's Barn at Cherryville, Carlow

Eircode R93VE80

Saturday May 25th 2024

Admission by ticket only- €15. Raffle

Contact : Ruth Condell 0872144478

Or Gena Ovington 0863818905

Carlow Flower Club



Carlow Flower Club's May meeting will be a demonstration by Elizabeth Murray. AOIFA Judge, Teacher and Demonstrator.

Event takes place on Tuesday 28th May at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel.

Visitors entry fee €10. Competition for all classes, "The Maypole".

Club AGM will be held after the demonstration.



Carlow Choral Society

with the RTE Concert Orchestra will perform

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in Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Friday 31st May 2024 at 8pm.

Suggested patronage for people over 16 years is €25.

Ticket from choir members or Eventbrite.ie

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