

First reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel



The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high

mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading:

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord



CONTACT



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9th June 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unfailing Prayer of St. Anthony (Feast Day of St. Anthony — Thursday 13th June)

"Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints"

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints,
your love for God and Charity for His creatures,

made you worthy, when on earth,

to possess miraculous powers.

Encouraged by this thought,

I implore you to obtain for me (request).

O gentle and loving St. Anthony,

whose heart was ever full of human sympathy,

whisper my petition

into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus,

who loved to be folded in your arms;

and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

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 09 June '24

Killeen (9am): Lorraine Dunne
Charlotte & William Moran, Ballinagar
Bobby Miller (18th Anniversary)

Arles (10am): Jim & Ned McDonald, Ashfield

Ballylinan (8pm): Ballylinan Cemetery Mass

(11.30am): Eamonn Byrne
Betty Kealy

Anniversaries for 16 June '24

Killeen (9am): Eddie & Billy Baldwin
Mary Coll & Sheila Breheny

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):



Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place Saturday, 6th July 2024 at 1.30pm, Parnell Square, Dublin. Contact (01) 8730465 to book a seat on a rally bus from your area.

See www.rallyforlife.net and www.thelifeinstitut e.net/rally2024 for more information.



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Dates for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

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 2nd June

Arles:	Offertory	€100.56
	Envelope	€187.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€349.21
	Envelope	€180.75
Killeen:	Offertory	€81.31
	Envelope	€161.00

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

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 11th June.

St. Fiacc's Hall at 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 44 numbers €1220.

Double number €1370

Lotto €1400.



Ruach Ministry Portlaoise

3-Day Residential Retreats 2024

Faith formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing Adoration, led by Fr. Prince Clarence S.J. Venue: De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co Laois.

Dates: 23rd-25th July, 30th July – 1st August, 6th – 8th August.

Cost: €195.00 per person, per retreat.
Contact: Margaret 087 2312066/ Oonagh 086 1736181.

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Whist Drive

In Arles Hall every Thursday Night 8.30pm

Adult Faith Development for the 21st Century: Diarmuid O'Murchú

Although formal religion seems to be declining around the world, there is a notable increase in people seeking out more adult forms of faith and spirituality, both within and outside traditional settings.

At the same time, the Irish national synodal synthesis of 2022 reported a widespread lament for an absence of adult faith formation to help bridge a generational divide.

"...there is a crisis in transmission of faith ... we are unsure about how to evangelise in the modern world..."

ACI is delighted to welcome an internationally known teacher to add to our series on a topic critical to the future of the church in Ireland.

Diarmuid O'Murchú, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order, and a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin Ireland, is a social psychologist whose early working life had been in social ministry, predominantly in London, UK. In more recent years he has worked as a workshop leader and group facilitator, conducting programmes on Adult Faith Development across several countries. He is a widely read author, with many of his books listed on his webpage. Now as a retired missionary, he lives in Dublin, Ireland.

Join Zoom Meeting on Thursday June 13th @ 8.00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83513793463?pwd=QUxkcE5vSUFsREVpL0pGWFlhVGZlQT09>

PRAYER

BEFORE AN EXAMINATION



Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked. Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen