

## First reading

A reading from the Book of Job



From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer.

He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate?

Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response:** O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever.

## Second Reading:

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

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



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ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER



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23rd June 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Reflection

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today's Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus' teachings and miracles in this part of Mark's Gospel. Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel.

As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.



## 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 23 June '24

Killeen (9am): Johnny Byrne, Ballyfoyle

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

### Anniversaries for 30 June '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): John Murphy

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

## Dates for your Diary

### Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Arles - Friday 5th July at 7.30pm

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

#### Weekly Collections

##### Sunday 16th June

Arles:	Offertory	€166.51
	Envelope	€237.75
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€182.82
	Envelope	€210.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€234.87
	Envelope	€112.00

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

## Eucharistic Adoration Revival



A day encouraging Eucharistic Adoration in parishes is taking place in Mt St Anne's on Saturday 24th August. It is open to all parishes whether you have an active adoration group or not. Pope Francis encourages adoration and all are very welcome. More details will follow closer to August. For now, here are some quotes from Pope Francis that parishes might consider publishing in their newsletters, social media or websites to encourage adoration in their parish.

"We need to recover a sense of awe and adoration before the Eucharist knowing it is the real and loving presence of the Lord".

"The rediscovery of prayer through Eucharistic Adoration is the source of hope for the Church to grow and take root".

### Safeguarding

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The Sick and Housebound in Ballylinan & Killeen will be attended on Friday morning (28th June). Those in Arles will be attended on Friday afternoon.

*If you wish to be included on the Housebound List please contact Mairead in the Parish Office with your details. (059) 862 5456*

## Mary's Meals Fundraiser

Mary's Meals is a charity that presently feeds 2,429,182 children in their place of education each school day.

For the past eleven years we have walked to Knock Shrine to raise awareness of, and funds for, Mary's Meals. We are now launching Step by Step to Feed the Next Child 2024. We have walks originating in Malin (Donegal), Thurles, Cavan, the Spire (Dublin), Kilkenny, Longford, Limerick and N Ireland. All walks go from 7 August to 15 August.



We are seeking people to help us create new walks, join us for a day or half day or a few hours, collect, take a sponsor card or promote the walk. It cost €22 to give a child a meal each day in school for a school year and every eleven cents raised provides a meal. This is a great way of gaining a bit of fitness and doing great work at the same time.

If you would like more information or to get involved, I would love to hear from you. My contact details are: Eamonn Kelly (Rev), Parochial House, Convoy, Co Donegal, F93HX2R, eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com or 0879077985.

### Designer Minds STEAM

#### Summer Camps Carlow

Designer Minds STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) Summer Camps start soon in Carlow. For all boys & girls going into 1st to 6th Class this September. All details and online registration: [www.designerminds.ie](http://www.designerminds.ie) Give your child the opportunity to explore, create, and innovate in a fun and supportive environment this Summer!



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](http://www.rallyforlife.net) and [www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024](http://www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024) for more information.

### Congratulations & best wishes

to Sorcha Bradshaw & Eoin Hogan who were married in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles recently.

*We wish you many happy years together*



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