

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The Word of the Lord

Response: I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second Reading:

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

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark



When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord



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ARLES, BALLYLINAN & KILLEEN NEWSLETTER



Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

30th June 2024

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

The Book of Wisdom, written only a generation before the birth of Christ was the last of the Hebrew Scriptures to be written before his birth. It accepts an idea that came late to Hebrew thought, the idea of immortality, of life after death.

In the First Reading, death means not physical death but the death of the spirit. We all must die physically, but for God's faithful death changes life, doesn't end it. Death gives way to the bright promise of immortality.

In the Gospel, the story of the woman suffering from a haemorrhage has been sandwiched into the story of Jairus' daughter, just at the point between Jairus' plea for help and them receiving the news of the death of his daughter. There are some similarities in the two stories, the number of years for instance - the woman had been suffering for twelve years and the girl was twelve years old, more important though is the emphasis on faith in the two stories. Jairus asks Jesus to lay his hands on his daughter to make her better and save her life, and when news of her death comes Jesus tells him, "Don't worry, just have faith." The woman expects to be healed by touching Jesus but he points out that it is her faith that has healed her. We almost feel that

she has healed herself, through her belief, that it is her miracle, not Jesus'.

The word used for "get well" also means "save" The physical healing is only a sign of a deeper healing - salvation. Mark depicts Jesus as one with unprecedented power and authority. On this occasion power over that final, fearful human misery - death.

Death, as Mark's Gospel will eventually reveal, has no finality in the presence of Jesus. He has the victory.

"For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you forever." Ps 29:13



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 30 June '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): John Murphy

Tuesday (10am): Kevin Byrne

Anniversaries for 07 July '24

Killeen (9am): Billy Kelly, Coolenaugh

(24th Anniversary)

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

Catholic Grandparents Association Pilgrimage to Knock



Takes place this year on the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28th July. Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the pilgrimage. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm in the Basilica followed by Mass and a Rosary Procession.

All are welcome to attend.



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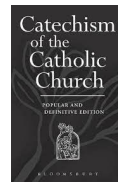
Dates for your Diary

Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Arles - Friday 5th July at 7.30pm

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Can you explain your Catholic Faith?



Have you an adult understanding of the reasons for belief? Come to Prosperous parish centre next September where we study and discuss the Catechism in easy stages week by

week.

Study sessions are on – Monday evenings 8.00pm – 9.30 pm/ Thursday mornings 10.30 am – 12.30 am.

For Mondays, phone Alice: 087 6505803/
For Thursdays, phone Brid: 045 860170

Congratulations

& best wishes

to Siobhan Doyle & Jamie Tutty who were married in St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan recently.

We wish you many happy years together



Providing compassionate care at the end of life

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video Through the Valley, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life.

To read Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes and to watch Through the Valley, visit the following link or scan the QR code:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>



Arles NS School Secretary



The Board of Management of Arles National School invites applications for the position of school secretary, for 12 hours per week (over 3 or 4 days), covering the school calendar year. Letter of application, CV, List of Referees and Copy of Certificates, Diplomas, Degrees can be emailed to secretary24@arlesnationalschool.ie by 5pm on Monday 8th July.

For further information on this position, please see educationposts.ie.

BALLYLINAN BALLYADAMS



CE SCHEME has the following vacancies :

IMMEDIATE VACANCIES – JULY 2024

St Joseph's Cemetery, Ballyadams – Ref 2343535

The Swan Community Hall & Village – Ref 2343537

Office Administrative Assistant, Luggacurren - Ref 2343541

Ballylinan Village - Ref 2343544

UPCOMING VACANCIES – END JULY / AUGUST 2024

Ballylinan Playground – Ref 2343531

Killeen Hall & Playground – Ref 2343533

St Anne's Church & St Anne's Hall, Ballylinan – Ref 2343534

Ballylinan Village – Ref 2343542

Luggacurren Church & Village – Ref 2343564

Enquiries to CE Supervisor on 087 2232515.