

First reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The Word of the Lord

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that

you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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22nd September 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings this Sunday invite us to reflect on humility, wisdom, and service. These themes challenge us to examine how we live our faith and interact with others. Let us explore the messages in these readings to deepen our understanding and commitment to following Christ.

True Wisdom

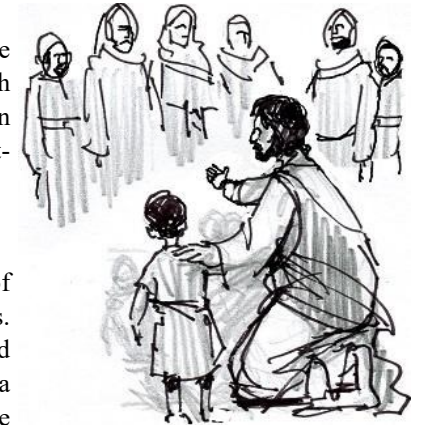
The first reading from the Book of Wisdom speaks of the just person suffering because of their righteousness. The wicked plot against the just, trying to see if God will save them. This passage reminds us that living a righteous life may lead to suffering and opposition. We can learn from this reading that true wisdom is not always appreciated. Sometimes, doing the right thing brings challenges and hardships. However, we are called to remain faithful and trust that God sees and knows our struggles. This reflection helps us understand that wisdom from God leads us on a path that may not be easy, but it is the right path. We should seek wisdom that brings peace, righteousness, and a closer relationship with God. Staying true to this wisdom, even when it is hard, is our call as Christians.

Humility and Service

In the Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples about true greatness. He tells them that whoever wants to be first must be the servant of all. He then places a child in their midst, showing them that welcoming the least is welcoming Him. This lesson on humility and service is crucial for us. Jesus turns the idea of greatness upside down. Instead of seeking power and status, He calls us to serve others, especially those who are vulnerable and in need. By serving others with humility, we follow Jesus' example. It is not about being noticed or praised, but about genuine care and love for others. This is how we live out our faith and show the world the love of Christ.

Prayer

Lord, grant us true wisdom to seek Your will above our own. Help us to serve others with humility and love. Guide us to live righteously and in peace. 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 22 September '24

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Julia McEvoy

Anniversaries for 29 September '24

Killeen (9am): Tony Coll

Arles (10am): Ann E. Conroy

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Anne Julian (2nd Anniversary)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Killeshin Union of Parishes

Castletown - Cloydagh - Killeshin - Mayo



With the 'Four Hims'

in Castletown Church on Sunday 6th October at 3pm

Collection in aid of Castletown Church

Refreshments Served - All Welcome



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Weekly Collections

Sunday 15th September

Arles:	Offertory	€154.76
	Envelope	€332.40
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€199.25
	Envelope	€146.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€178.73
	Envelope	€110.00

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

Carlow Flower Club

Carlow Flower Club begin their 2024/25 season on Tuesday 24th September next at 8.00pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow.

New members always welcome. The club meets on the last Tuesday of every month. Annual membership €40.00. (Visitors €10 per night). The September Demonstrator will be Marie Walsh AOIFA Demonstrator from Waterford Flower Club.

Looking forward to welcoming back all our members and friends.



Red rosary beads lost in Arles Church or graveyard. If found please leave it in the sacristy.



County Carlow Environmental Network (CCEN)

Free Film Viewing Event



You are invited to see "The Rights of Nature" film on Wed the 25th of September in the Visual, Carlow town at 7pm. It is an Irish-made film about what if species had rights? Learn about how to speak for species without a voice, and how we can redefine our relationship with the natural world. You will be invited after the film to a discussion about the film in the Visual bar area. There will be a guest speaker.

FREE admission, but booking is necessary: <https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/the-rights-of-nature>



Vocations

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." We were created with a thirst for God. Could He be calling you to quench it by living in Him as a priest?

vocations@kandle.ie, www.kandlepriest.com

St. Pio's Feast Day Mass

A mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Pio will take place on Monday 23rd Sept at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry.



After mass St. Pio's glove will be available to anyone wishing to be blessed.



Athy Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 13th October

Coash will depart from St. Michael's Parish Church at 8.30am

Tickets cost €30.

Advance booking and payment required

Contact: St. Michael's Parish Office

(059) 863 8391

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community



Growth in the Holy Spirit
Monthly Retreat

St. Peters and Paul's Parish
Church Portlaoise

Saturday 28th. September 2024 [10.00 am to 1.30 pm]

Holy Mass at 10.00 am - Confessions available

Retreat continues in Parish Centre after Mass from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm

(Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry)

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