

## First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis



The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

## Second Reading:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

*The Word of the Lord.*

## Today's Mass Readings

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

*The Gospel of the Lord*



## Gospel Reflection

Today's gospel is challenging. It contains two instances of Jesus correcting a popular opinion of the time and offering an alternative way.

The first is one of the few times Jesus is presented as speaking about marriage. The question asked by the Pharisees is whether it is 'against the Law' for a man to divorce his wife. Note that they do not ask whether divorce is right, or just – only whether it is legal. They are testing Jesus of course. They know the answer and so does he: divorce was indeed allowed under the law. Divorce was relatively common in the society of the time, though there were different interpretations of the law. But Jesus, as always, is less concerned about the law than the rightness of a situation. He directs his questioners instead to God's plan for marriage and the unity between a married couple.

When he delivers his strongest words



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about divorce, it is in the context of adultery; the sin is not the breaking of the legal agreement, but the betrayal of one's spouse. The Pharisees are asking the wrong question.

The second part of the gospel sees Jesus once again teaching people to look at things in a new way. Children at the time of Jesus, not unlike wives, were often viewed as property, without any rights of their own. The disciples fail to show any concern for them when they turn them away. But Jesus welcomes them, blesses them, and treats them with love and concern. He goes so far as to present them as teachers, on account of their faith and openness.

Another surprising attitude!

Triona Doherty Athlone,  
Co. Roscommon



## 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 06 October '24

**Killeen (9am):** Denis Byrne, The Forge  
Sarah & Brian Condren

**Arles (10am):** Nicholas & Kathleen Maher, The Strand, & their son James and daughter Eileen

**Ballylinan (8pm):** James & Maria Wall

**(11.30am):**

### Anniversaries for 13 October '24

**Killeen (9am):**

**Arles (10am):**

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

**(11.30am):**

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

## The Autumn Dues Collection

The collectors books for the Autumn Dues are available in the sacristy of each church after mass for the October station collection.

A sincere word of thanks to all our collectors who facilitate this collection, and to all who support it so generously.

## Nass Parish Novena

### 4th-12th October 2024

Speakers include:

Fr Hugh Lagan

Dr. Eddie Murphy, RTE Operation Transformation

Julianne Moran, General Secretary of the National Synod

Fr. P.J. Madden

Jarlath Burns, GAA President

Gene Butler, K&L DPC

Peader Toibín TD

Geraldine Mullan, (grief and personal loss)

Bishop Donal Roche

*For the times and further information,  
please see Naas Parish Website.*

## Safeguarding

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Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

## Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette to Cathedral of the Assumption, Monday 7th October.

10am Mass The Relics will be received by Bishop Denis

12 noon A water ritual, with water from the Grotto,

3pm Mass for the Sick and the Sacrament of the Sick

6pm Stations of the Cross

8pm Torch light procession (Please note change) Assembling at Carlow College, St. Patrick's at 8pm. Torch light procession to the Cathedral for Rosary & Marian Devotion.

10pm The visit of the relics concluding with a prayer of thanksgiving.

*The Relics may be visited throughout the day in the Cathedral.*

*The relics will visit the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Portlaoise on Tuesday 8th October.*

## Visit of the Relic of Saint Bernadette, Portlaoise 8th October 2024

The visit of the Relic of Saint Bernadette to St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Portlaoise

Takes place on Tuesday 8th October 2024 from 7.00 am to 9.00 pm.

7am Welcoming Ceremony

7.30am Mass

9.30am Rosary

10am Mass

12noon Ritual with water from the Lourdes Grotto

6.30pm Rosary

7pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

9pm Closing Ceremony



## Climate Action Conversation

A Climate Action conversation for the Over 60's takes place on Thursday 17th October, in Askea Parish Community Centre at 11:00. . Jacinta Barrins is hosting the conversation, and has been doing so all over Ireland with the Over 60's. This event forms part of the schedule for the first ever Carlow Climate Action Week. Further information: [environment@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:environment@carlowcoco.ie)

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