



## Today's Mass Readings

### First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
 I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
 I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
 compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
 I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
 for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
 and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
 I loved her more than health or beauty,  
 preferred her to the light,  
 since her radiance never sleeps.  
 In her company all good things came to me,  
 at her hands riches not to be numbered.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response:** Fill us with your love that we may rejoice

### Second Reading:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

*The Word of the Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*



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13th October 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gospel Reflection

The reaction of the young man (in the gospel reading today) leads Jesus to develop a theme important for all forms of discipleship: earthly possessions can prove a great obstacle to growth of life in Christ.

The disciples were amazed, because many texts of the Old Testament seemed to imply that material wellbeing is a sign of God's blessing on a good life.

Our reading from Wisdom shows that old Israel was already looking beyond this point of view. The whole life of Jesus is a corrective of this superficial interpretation of God's ways.

His final words have a lesson for disciples, whatever the form of following to which they have been called – authentic fidelity is a gift of God, 'Everything is possible to God'.

Our reading from Hebrews can

serve as a commentary on the call of Jesus to make our life decisions in the presence of the Father.

The 'Word of God' is a theme of great importance in the Old Testament. It is a Word that confronts believers with the ways of God. In Jesus we know the Word of God in person, a Word giving expression to the boundless love and generosity of the Father who calls each one of us.

John Thornhill sm



## 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 13 October '24

**Killeen (9am):** Martin & Mary Byrne & their son Martin.

**Arles (10am):**

**Ballylinan (8pm):**

**(11.30am):**

### Anniversaries for 20 October '24

**Killeen (9am):** Mike Byrne (Months Mind)

Kathleen Durkin

Mick Wall, Gurteen

**Arles (10am):** John Bolger, Ballinagall (1st Anniv)

Michael McDonald

**Ballylinan (8pm):** Geraldine Brennan

**(11.30am):**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

**ABIDE in His Love Women's Conference. 15th-17th November 2024**  
**The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.**



Join us for an inspiring weekend with guest speakers including Lisa Cotter (Denver, Colorado), the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr. Barry Braum (London), Kathleen Nichols & Celine Kelly (Magdala, Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Catherine DiNuzzo (Kansas), and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR, among others.

This conference will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and the world today. It offers a wonderful opportunity to come together, form new friendships, be uplifted by powerful talks, and experience the transformative presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

We encourage you to invite a family member or friend to join you. To register, visit [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie) and search for "Abide in His Love." Further information, including accommodation details, will be sent via email upon registration.

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. ...

~ St. John XXIII ~



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**Arles Kilcruise Fundraiser:**  
Race Night in Behan's, Tolerton on Saturday, November 16th at 9pm.

All welcome.



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### Synod News

The second general assembly of the Synod on Synodality is taking place in Rome from October 2-27. You can keep up to date on what is happening at the synod on their social media accounts.

A daily press briefing can be found on Vatican News ([vaticannews.va/en/](http://vaticannews.va/en/))

Synodality: Path and Practices Online Course 2024

The online course will be delivered via Zoom from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm over 6 nights

(6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November and 4th, 11th December).

Speakers include:

Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop Michael Router, Julie Ann Moran, Dr Anne Codd, Dr Oonagh O'Brien and Bishop Patricia Storey.

Booking/Enquiries to: 057 8626153

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For full detail of these and all our courses see [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com).

### Rosary for Peace

Each Sunday morning in Arles (at 9.40am) before Sunday Mass.



Join us to pray for peace.

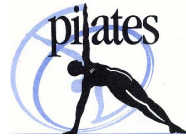


Arles Kilcruise

Pilates classes

in Arles Hall every

Tuesday night from 8:30pm to 9:15pm



with Rabea Boyle, starting Tuesday, October 22nd and finishing Tuesday, December 3rd. Please bring your own mat and a small towel. Thanks to Laois Sports Partnership who provided funding for this to support female activity in the community.

### Ballylinan News

**"A meeting is taking place in St. Annes Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm to discuss the establishment of a town team for the village.**

**The South Eastern Technological University (SETU) are commencing a Health Check Study of the Village and the new Town Team will assist them with this task.**

**The Town Team will be supported by Laois County Council's Town Regeneration Officer who will be in attendance at the meeting.**

**The new Town team is being set up with the initial task of assisting SETU and ultimately it is envisaged this will lead to a regeneration plan for Ballylinan. The purpose of the meeting is to get people from the local community involved so that all the different stakeholders are represented on the new Town Team.**

### 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)