

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah



The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim!

Praise! Shout: 'The

Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give him-

self the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord



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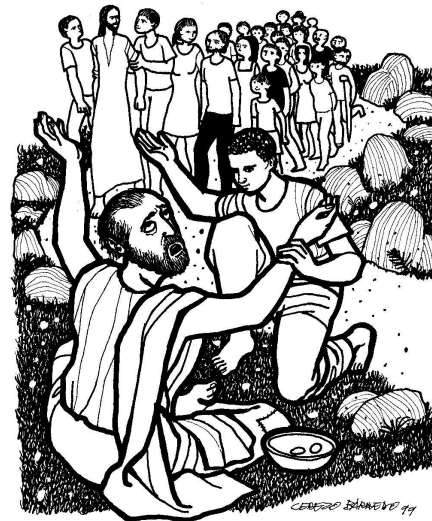
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection

Who is blind in today's gospel? The obvious answer, of course, is the blind man! Bartimaeus is blind and desperate. He has not been blind all his life, so he knows about the wonderful gift of sight he is now missing. His faith is strong, and his courage is stronger still; no matter how much he is scolded and silenced, he calls to Jesus all the louder. Though he is physically blind, he sees plenty.

Who sees Bartimaeus? Certainly not the followers of Jesus. They do not think of Bartimaeus as someone worthy of meeting Jesus. To the extent that they think about him at all, he is an irritation, a poor beggar to look down on, hardly a person. They are utterly blind to his needs.

I'm struck by the irony of the crowds summoning Bartimaeus with the word 'Courage'. He has already shown tremendous courage. Minutes previously Jesus' followers had been content to pass him by and silence his cries for help, but their master has given an order and they must obey. How they must have squirmed, calling him over.



The blind man sees Jesus, and Jesus sees the blind man. Everyone else is blind to both of them. Everyone else fades into the background of the story, just as Bartimaeus was pushed to the back of the crowds. Perhaps it is time for an eyesight test. Do we see Jesus for who he really is? Do we pay attention to those around us, or are we blind to their needs? Do we hear the cry of the poor, or are we complicit in silencing them?

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 27 October '24

Killeen (9am): John Wall, Coolenagh

Leah Walsh & Sheila Mulhall

Liam and Gloria Cassidy

Arles (10am): Bridget & Thomas McLoughlin

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): Frank McCarthy

Anniversaries for 01 Nov

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Margaret O'Dwyer, Monasterevin

Ballylinan (11.30am):

Anniversaries for 03 November '24

Killeen (9am): Mary Behan, Tierernane

(1st Anniversary)

Michael & Patricia Daly

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Johnny & Mary Dunne,
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(11.30am):

Please Note: Our evening mass in Ballylinan will change on the weekend of the 2nd/3rd November to 7.30pm.

Congratulations

Best wishes to all the members of the Ballylinan Guild of the ICA who recently celebrated their Diamond Jubilee.

We wish them every blessing in the years to come and success to all their future endeavours.



Arles Works Committee

Meeting on Tuesday 29th October in Church Meeting Room at 7.30pm.



Free Film Viewing

You are invited to see "Once Upon a Forest" film on Wed the 6th of Nov in the Visual, Carlow town at 7pm. This film is about a celebrated Swedish artist who when a climate related crisis strikes the forest where she lives and works, is forced into a new type of creativity in order to save the place that once upon a time saved her. Discussion about Irish forestry and climate related issues upstairs in the bar after the film. Everyone is welcome.

FREE admission, but booking is necessary: <https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/film>

KANDLE is Calling

Bishop Denis Nulty Announces New Lay Pastoral Minister Training Programme in Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin

The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, under the leadership of Bishop Denis Nulty, is inviting people with the courage to step forward and answer an important call to service. A new training programme has been developed to equip laypeople with the essential skills they need to serve as Lay Pastoral Ministers within parishes and pastoral areas.

The Lay Pastoral Ministers (Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Level 7) programme aims to nurture and develop the talents of lay leaders, preparing them to undertake significant roles within their parishes and pastoral areas. "The role of laypeople in our Church is crucial to ensure we invigorate faith in our communities. This is an exciting and important opportunity for people who want to explore their faith on a deeper level and be part of the future of our Church."

Members of the public are being invited to a series of information meetings across the diocese. These meetings will offer an opportunity to anybody who is curious to learn more about the course, its objectives, and the benefits it offers to participants and their communities. Information Sessions take place as follows:

- Monday, 4th Nov: Mount Wolseley, Tullow
- Tuesday, 5th Nov: Westgrove Hotel, Clane
- Wednesday, 6th Nov: Solas Bhríde, Kildare
- Thursday, 7th Nov: Dolmen Hotel, Carlow
- Wednesday, 13th Nov: Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge
- Thursday, 14th Nov: Mount Saint Anne's, Killenard

All meetings will commence at 7.30pm
Further information:
email.parishdevelopment@kandle.ie

November Dead List

The November Dead List can be renewed during this month by contacting Mairead in the Parish Office (Tues & Fri 10am-1pm) or bring it along to any of our novena masses. November Dead List forms are available in all the churches for your convenience.

Remember in November

Take the Short-Term Pledge for the Month of November for deceased family and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith.



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Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Rosary for Peace

Each Sunday morning before Sunday Mass.

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ROSA
RY
FOR
WORLD
PEACE

In Killeen (at 8.40am)

In Arles (at 9.40am)

In Ballylinan (at 11.10am)

Join us to pray for peace.

Feast of All Saints.

Friday (1st. Nov.) is a Holy Day. Mass times are as follows:

9am Killeen, 10am Arles & 11.30am Ballylinan

Notice

The Parish Office will be closed for the Holy Day on Friday 1st November.

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