

TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second reading

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more

progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

1st December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Our Hope for Peace

Advent is a holy season where we directs our hearts and minds to the presence of Christ among us.



Christ was born into our world on that first Christmas, and His uplifting presence has never left our side. In this period of waiting we allow that belief to well up in our hearts. We pray for the grace to be able to sense the power of the Spirit in our lives.

As a time of waiting, Advent also reminds us that while we wait to celebrate the Saviour's birth at Christmas, God waits for us too. Our loving Creator waits for us to open our hearts to His presence so that he may bestow upon each of us the gift of peace: a peace that speaks of healing, hope and solidarity. He says to each of us at this time: ‘do not worry for I am here’.



Advent Prayer

Loving God,

On this Advent day we turn to you in prayer.

As we wait for the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us.

Bring your healing upon us and help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace.

May your peace guard our heart, our mind and our home.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Come. Lord Jesus.



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 01 December '24

Killeen (9am): Donal Wall, Coolenaugh
Peter Kenna (2nd Anniversary)

Arles (10am): May & Paddy Nolan
James McDonald, Tennisrath, & Ellen Nolan
Patrick Lawlor, Ballickmoyler

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Remembrance Mass
(11.30am): Bridie & John Maher
Luke Renehan (2nd Anniversary)

Anniversaries for 08 December '24

Killeen (9am): Brigid Moran, Ballinagar
(1st Anniversary)

Arles (10am): Sean Kenna
Betty Byrne, Ballickmoyler (2nd Anniversary)

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Patrick & Delia Fitzpatrick
(11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday & Friday 10am—1pm

Parochial House, Ballylinan



Christmas Whist Drive

In Arles Hall Thursday 12th Dec. 8.30pm

Prizes: *Top Score €70*

Many other prizes &

Bumper Raffle on the Night

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

Concert with Liam Lawton & Friends

O Holy Night



(including Perfect Harmony Choir) in St. Mary's Church Edenderry on 8th Dec 2024.
Doors open: 6.30 p.m., Concert: 7.00 p.m.,
Tickets: €15.00.

Tickets available: Anna-Marie Boutique,
Mangan's Centra and the Parish Centre 046
9733311.

Proceeds in aid of St. Mary's Church refurbishment.

Ballylinan Altar Society

A collection for flowers for St. Anne's Church will take place on
Sunday, 15th December.

Your support would be appreciated.



Anam Cara Parent Support Evening

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30 pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email

info@anamcara.ie.

For more information visit www.anamcara.ie.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Ballylinan Church next Weekend



7th & 8th December

Please give generously.

“Planet Soil” - Free Film Viewing in the Visual Carlow:



You are invited to see the “Planet Soil” film on Tues 3rd of Dec in the Visual, Carlow town at 7pm. This film showcases the secret world beneath our feet. Hear a powerful call to action with practical solutions to nurture and restore the soils. Short discussion about soil and soil related issues upstairs in the Visual bar after the film. Everyone is welcome. FREE admission, but booking is necessary:

<https://visualcarlow.ie/whats-on/film>

Childminder Required

Childminder required for before and after primary school times-including drop off and pick up, to begin in January. Two brothers; one junior infant and one senior infant.

Please contact 085 7250521



Christmas O Holy Night

live with The Three Tenors



Sunday 8th December 7.30 p.m.
in Leighlinbridge Church. Tickets €30.00,
now on sale from the Leighlinbridge Parish
Centre 059 9722607 or online
@ eventbrite.ie

Special Guests: Ballinabranna N.S Choir.



Christmas Carol Service

Monday 23rd December St.
Abban's Church,
Killeen at 7.30pm



All are welcome to gather in praise

Dominican Extended Advent Retreat

Finding an alternative to the commercialization and activism of the Christmas season. We enter silence and stillness and learn once again to hear the ‘tidings of great joy’: “A Child is born for us, a Son is given to us”. The Retreat takes place – Thursday 12th December to Sunday 15th December 2024 in the Dominican Retreat Centre, Talaght Village, D24 KA40. For more information/bookings, Telephone: 01 4048189/4048123 or
Email: dominicanretreats@gmail.com.

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