



## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

### First reading



A reading from the prophet  
Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of  
Zion, Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your

heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has re-  
pealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies  
away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your  
midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusa-  
lem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall  
limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victo-  
rious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he  
will renew you by his love; he will dance with  
shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: Sing and shout for joy for great in your  
midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### Second reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;  
I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your  
tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very  
near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is any-  
thing you need, pray for it, asking God for it with  
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God,  
which is so much greater than we can understand,  
will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in  
Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been  
given to me. He has sent me to bring the good  
news to the poor. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we  
do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he  
must share with the man who has none, and the  
one with something to eat must do the same.'  
There were tax collectors too who came for bap-  
tism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must  
we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than  
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn,  
'What about us? What must we do?' He said to  
them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content  
with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the  
people, who were beginning to think that John  
might be the Christ, so John declared before them  
all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is  
coming, someone who is more powerful than I  
am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his san-  
dals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and  
fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his  
threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his  
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will  
never go out.' As well as this, there were many  
other things he said to exhort the people and to  
announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord



# CONTACT



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15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

## Reflection

Take time for friendship, for love, for care,  
for those activities that grow our friendship  
and love with the people who mean a lot.

Take time these days for the poor, for en-  
suring that someone's Christmas will be  
better because of your generosity.

Then the songs will be full and the gifts  
will be a reminder of love, and Santa, the  
friend of children, will be like the Christ-  
child.

Then love for God and others will come to  
birth at Christmas.

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*Loving God,  
On this Advent  
day we turn to  
you in prayer.*

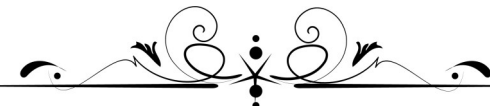
*As we prepare to  
celebrate the  
birth of your Son, we ask your blessing  
on each of us.*

*Open our hearts to the good news that  
you bring to us and help us to welcome  
your light into our lives, a light that  
gives us the gift of joy.*

*May your joy fill 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

**We pray for:** Tony O'Kelly, Ballickmoyler & Delia Murphy, Aughanure who died during the past week.

### Anniversaries for 15 December '24

**Killeen (9am):** Breda Whelan, Hollymount  
Rita & Mick Farrell

**Arles (10am):**

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Jack Carter, formerly Carlow Road, Months Mind.

Phyllis Flynn, Dublin

John & Niall McDonald & deceased members of the McDonald family.

**(11.30am):**

### Anniversaries for 22 December '24

**Killeen (9am):** Edward, Elizabeth & John Kelly, Tierernane

**Arles (10am):**

**Ballylinan (7.30pm):** Billy Coogan (3rd Anniv.)

**(11.30am):** Patrick Julian (2nd Anniv.)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



## Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert



### Abbeyleix Co Laois

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade, takes place on Sunday 2nd February 2025 in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co Laois R32 VE24 (featuring local artists).

Ticket €25.00 (Book on Eventbrite.ie). For more information, contact Antoinette- 086 0803047.



### Ballylinan Altar Society

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



*Your support would be appreciated.*

### Rosary for Peace

Each Sunday morning before Sunday Mass.



In Killeen (at 8.40am)

In Arles (at 9.40am)

In Ballylinan (at 11.10am)

*Join us to pray for peace.*



Would like someone to talk to over Christmas? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91.

You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.

So don't be alone and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, No problem too big or too small.



### Christmas Mass Bouquets

available in the Parish Office

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."

~ Mother Teresa ~

*Love: A Fruit Always in Season*



### Christmas Carol Service



Monday 23rd December St.

Abban's Church,

Killeen at 7.30pm

*All are welcome to gather in praise*



## Christmas Mass Programme 2024

### Christmas Eve

(Tuesday 24th December)

Ballylinan 7pm (*Children's Mass*)

Arles 9pm

### Christmas Day

(25th December)

Killeen - 9am

Arles - 10am

Ballylinan - 11.30am



*No Morning Mass in Arles Thurs (26th Dec) & Fri (27th Dec)*



## Feast Days Around this Time

### Friday 13th Dec: St. Lucy

*Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.*



### Saturday 14th Dec: St. John of the Cross

*In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved.*

### Safeguarding

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