



# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

## First reading

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord.

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because

he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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The Presentation of the Lord

## Prayers to St. Brigid

### St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.  
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.  
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.  
Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.  
Bless every foot that walks portals through.  
May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.



### Prayer to St. Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

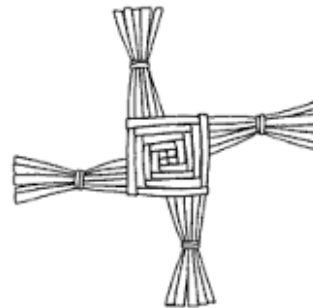
You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace  
cover those who are troubled and anxious,  
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in  
our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has  
made.



Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater  
wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen



## 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:** Michael Kelly, Kilkenny Rd, Ballylinan who died during the past week

#### Anniversaries for 2 Feb 2025

Killeen (9am): Ollie Byrne, Killabban (Months Mind)  
Mary Lawless

Arles (10am): Paddy Doogue, Maidenhead

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Dick Donohoe & his parents  
Denis & Ellen  
Margaret & William Bambrick

(11.30am): Mona Morris (1st Anniversary)  
Bridget Molly Graham & her mother Jane Hogan

#### Anniversaries for 7 Feb 2025

Arles (10am): Peter & Mary Farrell, Arles

#### Anniversaries for 9 Feb 2025

Killeen (9am): Ann Kelly, Tierernane  
Bernie Kelly, Killabban

Arles (10am): Katie Graham (1st Anniversary)  
Kathleen Wall, Ballinagall  
Mary Koster, Ashfield

Ballylinan (7.30pm):  
(11.30am): Breda Kelly (2nd Anniversary)  
Paddy Dunne, Ballycorman (2nd Anniversary)

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord**

### Cloak on the Moat : A celebration of St Brigid



Free family event to celebrate St Brigid in south Kildare. This is a celebration of St Brigid through music, song, dance and folklore. Village Voices community choir will be joined on stage with guest artists; Joseph Gorman, Kevin Morrin, Margaret Brennan and Paul Linehan. Local historian Colm Flynn will regale us in folklore, Athy Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Éireann will entertain us and also joining us will be the St Laurence's Set dancers and the Kilmead Irish Figure Dance Class.

This is an outdoor event, so please dress appropriately and bring a chair or blanket for extra comfort.

Date: Bank Holiday Monday 3rd February 2025  
Time: 2pm Venue: The Moat of Ardscoil on the R418, near the village of Kilmead. Co. Kildare.



The **Sick and Housebound** in Ballylinan & Killeen will be attended on Wednesday afternoon (5th Feb). Those in Arles will be attended on Wednesday morning.

*If you wish to be included on the Housebound List please contact Mairead in the Parish Office with your details. (059) 862 5456*

#### Safeguarding

DLP: Kathleen Sherry, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie  
Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

### Divine Mercy Conference 21/23 February 2025



The conference will take place in the RDS this year on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd February. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. The conference will be broadcast live online through our website [www.divinemercyconference.com](http://www.divinemercyconference.com) free of charge and on [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv). It will also be available (audio only) on [www.RadioMaria.ie](http://www.RadioMaria.ie) and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277. It also is broadcast on [www.ShalomWorld.org](http://www.ShalomWorld.org).

Tickets: €40 weekend (Best Value), Saturday €35 and Sunday €25, available online on our [www.divinemercyconference.com](http://www.divinemercyconference.com); or at the RDS door on the day.

#### Feast of St. Blaise



There will be a Blessing of Throats after our morning mass on Tuesday (4th Feb).



#### Listening to the voices of Women in Scripture

This Conference will be offered in two places: Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater, Co Wexford on Feb. 14. Cost: €30 (includes lunch) Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny on Feb. 15. Cost €20 (includes tea/ coffee) The speaker: Dr. Grainne Doherty. Times: 10.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie) before Feb 11.

### Jubilee Year 2025 – ‘A call to action!’

The celebration of Jubilee 2025 has now begun throughout the universal Catholic Church on the theme: ‘Pilgrims of Hope’. Everyone is invited to participate in this special year of faith. Specifically, Pope Francis is encouraging each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world during this holy year. In our Christian tradition, the Jubilee has a strong focus on reconciliation and renewal, including reaching out to people on the margins. It is normally celebrated every 25 years, so that more people can experience it at least once in a lifetime. In dioceses and parishes around Ireland people are celebrating specific jubilee occasions both locally and in Rome.

For further information on Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope, see the dedicated page on [CatholicBishops.ie](http://CatholicBishops.ie) for all Jubilee-related updates, including a live calendar featuring events happening across the island. To keep the Jubilee page vibrant, we invite you to contribute by sharing videos and photos from events in your diocese to the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth on [info@catholicbishops.ie](mailto:info@catholicbishops.ie).



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