



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Second Reading

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

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when

no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

9th February 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick 2025

Established in 1993 by Saint John Paul II on February 11, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, a different city is chosen each year to host the World Day of the Sick. This year the choice has fallen on Calcutta in India, and Pope Francis has highlighted the figure of Saint Teresa of Calcutta as a model of charity who made God's love for the poor and sick visible.

Pope Francis says that those who care for the sick and give of themselves with generosity and straightforward love – like St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta – are amongst the Church's most credible evangelisers.

In his message for the World Day of the Sick 2019, the pope focuses on Jesus's words to the Apostles: "You received without payment; give without payment" (Mt 10:8) Pope Francis urges believers to promote a culture of generosity, noting that the joy of generous giving is a barometer of the health of a Christian.



Prayer for the Sick

God of strength and compassion, hear the prayer that arises from our hearts as we join our lives with your Son in His most sacred passion. Be with us in the Garden of Gethsemane as we acknowledge the suffering within our bodies, our minds, our hearts, that is as yet hidden from others' eyes.

Be with us at Gabbatha, the Judgement Seat, as we hear the reports that spell out our future, or even the loss thereof.

Be with us at Golgatha as, in faith, we join our suffering, our pain, to His. Hear us as we surrender our lives to your loving protection, guidance, strength, and peace.

It is into your hands, O Lord, that we commend our spirits. Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.



World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Tuesday 11 February.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 10am in Arles. *All welcome.*



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: Teresa Kealy (nee Cranny), London and late of Ballylinan who Requiem Mass was celebrated during the past week

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
Alice Rowan, Tolerton

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): Paddy Dunne, Ballycorman (2nd Anniversary)

Anniversaries for 16 Feb 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Jimmy O'Shea & his parents Mary & James O'Shea

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): Harry Hovenden

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Safeguarding

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

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

St Brigid and Europe



Kildare man and Naas parishioner, Liam Kenny, has researched a presentation "St Brigid and Europe – the diocesan Patron at the heart of the Europe Dream". Liam developed his presentation having made the surprise discovery on a business visit to Strasbourg in eastern France that there was a devotion in the region to St Brigid. Fascinated by this devotion to St Brigid, long distant from her traditional site in Kildare, he researched the Brigidine presence on the banks of the Rhine. The result is an illustrated presentation and informative commentary which is scheduled for the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow R93 XV10 on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited and welcome to come to this interesting evening which links the Diocesan patron saint with the heart of Europe.

Notice

The Parish Office will be closed this Friday
14th February

First Confession



Tuesday 7.30pm Ballylinan
Wednesday 7.30pm Arles

Thursday 7.30pm Killeen

We keep the children in our prayers at this special time in their lives.

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.divinemerconference.com free of charge and on churchservices.tv.

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



Upcoming courses at the Dominican Retreat Centre

Footholds: Meditation in Practice, Donagh O'Shea OP

Four Thursdays, Time 8 – 9 pm beginning 27th February 2025. Cost €40.00 for four evenings

Sharing Faith in Today's World,

Fr Micheal Hurley

Over 3 Monday Evening 10/17/24th February 2025, Time 8 – 9 pm. Cost €40.00 for 3 weeks in advance/ €15.00 if paying weekly. For Bookings contact:

Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght, Dublin D24 KA 40
Phone: 01 4048123/4048189
Email: dominicanretreats@gmail.com

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service

Kilkenny Bereavement Support invites you to an evening with Fr. Jim Cogley, Thursday 20th February, from 7 - 10pm, in Newpark Hotel. Admission is free.

Fr. Jim will present his renowned approach to grief and healing through his use of wooden symbols.

Fr. Jim is Parish Priest and Director of Pilgrimage at Our Lady's Island (Wexford) and author of 12 books in the 'Wood You Believe' series and facilitates retreats and seminars on Spirituality, Human Development and Healing in his own unique way. (Website www.jimcogley.com).

The Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service provides free one to one listening support to people who are bereaved and can be contacted on 086 0670566 / website: www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com

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 before Feb 11.



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