

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Second Reading

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. ‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord



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16th February 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How Happy



What's so great about being poor, or hungry, or sad? On the surface, these Beatitudes of Jesus seem very strange: ‘How happy are you who are poor’. Surely it is better to be wealthy, to be well fed, and to enjoy good times – or to at least be comfortable and content?

But Jesus is not interested in comfort, or in maintaining the status quo. The Jesus of Luke's Gospel is something of a revolutionary. He has come to turn the social order on its head: last becomes first

and least becomes greatest. His concern is always for the poor and marginalised.

Jesus' vision is of a world where the unjust structures that cause poverty, hunger and oppression are swept away. Sadly, as we hear on the news every day, inequalities in our world with regard to wealth, education, health and opportunities remain as stark as ever.

Speaking about how we can tackle injustice today, Pope Francis has offered six ‘new Beatitudes’ for the modern Christian. Like the teachings of Jesus, they remind us that the task of the Christian is to tackle injustice and to act in solidarity with those on the margins of society.

Pope Francis' ‘new Beatitudes’ include: Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness. Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Triona Doherty



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: Peter Brennan, London and late of Ballylinan who died recently. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 12 noon and burial afterwards in Ballylinan Cemetery, and

Philip Doherty from Glenullin, Co. Derry who died during the past week

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

Eddie (Fisher) Doyle (1st Anniversary)

Anniversaries for 23 Feb 2025

Killeen (9am): Margaret & Thomas Myron & deceased members of the Myron family

Arles (10am): Patrick & Margaret Moore

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): Joanna Doyle

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Safeguarding

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PIONEER DINNER DANCE 2025

CARLOW

Regional Pioneer Dinner Dance will be held at 1:30pm on Sunday 23rd February, 2025 in Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow. Music by Teresa and The Stars, Tickets €30. Tickets from Anne McDarby on 087 7638695 (after 6pm).

Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening

Anam Cara are hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 18th February at 7pm for bereaved parents.



This is a collaborative event and will have members of other support organisations on our panel for the Q&A session.

Along with Brid Carrol we will have HUGG, A little lifetime and Feileacain on the panel.

If you know any bereaved parents who may benefit in joining us please pass on the registration details.

Please find the details below:

Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening

Date: Tuesday 18th February 2025

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Guest Speaker: Brid Carroll



Marriage Encounter Weekend 28-30 March 2025

Restore, Renew, Rekindle.

We welcome you to our next Marriage

Enrichment Weekend Friday 28th-30th March 2025

Venue: Knock, Co.

Mayo www.marriageencounter.ie



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.



Ceremony of Light

Thursday 27th Feb

at 7.30pm: St. Anne's Church, Ballylinan



We keep all our young people in our prayers at this special time in their lives as they prepare for their Confirmation.



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.
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