

TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading



A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Second Reading

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord



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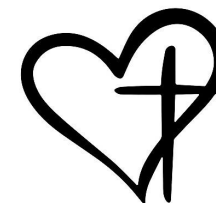
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2nd March 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some thoughts on today's scripture...

God sees the heart and always will. We may put on a great show of words and actions, but it is what is at the root of these that is so visible to God. Focusing on the faults of others, no matter how true, take the focus off our own.



As Fr Tony de Mello used to say, "when I change, my whole world changes". Not only that, but when I change, other people are likely to change; and even if they do not, my attitude towards them will not be the same. To quote Fr de Mello again, "Attitude is everything" - my attitude.



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 02 March 2025

Killeen (9am): TA Connolly, Ballyfoyle

Arles (10am): Joseph Graham, Tolerton (2nd Anniversary)

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Kitty Kelly, The Pike
& deceased members of the Kelly family

(11.30am): Michael Kelly (Months Mind)

Breda Kelly (2nd Anniversary)

Anniversaries for 09 March 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm): Bridget & Frank Whelan
Michael & Sarah Loughman
Esther & Gavin Brennan
James & Liam Davis

(11.30am): Liam Brennan

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



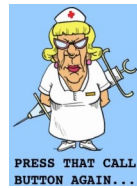
JUBILEE CHOIR



Ever thought about joining a choir? We sing one Sunday a month and practice every second Wednesday. New members are always welcome (no audition required !!). Our next practice will be on Wed March 5th at 7:30p.m. in St. Anne's Church. Come along & join us.



St. Bridget's Ladies Football & Ballylinan Ploughing host Kilquan Players performing



PRESS THAT CALL
BUTTON AGAIN...

Stop it Nurse

By Sam Cree

For One Night Only

Saturday 1st March 8pm

St. Anne's Hall, Ballylinan — €10 entry

Raffle on the night with great spot prizes

Bookings 087-4193965 or 059-8625125

Last chance to see this hilarious comedy & support this fundraiser



Community Information Meeting.

The Arles Community are seeking support in initiating a preschool, breakfast club and afterschool program for our community. A community information meeting will be held in Arles Parish Hall on March 12th at 7.30pm. We are looking for people to support us through gathering information, resources and carrying out possible projects to get this initiative up and running. Looking forward to seeing lots of people there.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March at 7.30pm in Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles.

All welcome.



'Sing for Joy!'



A Day of Music and Ministry

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?

We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26th April 2025 at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

In the prayerful setting of Lough Derg, this day will provide space for the power of music to nourish our spirit and allow us to give praise to God through the beauty of sound, song and silence. There will be various inputs as well as time to pray, connect with others and explore this Sacred place. The day will conclude with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm (open to the public).



Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday (5th March), the beginning of Lent.

Mass times are as follows:

Killeen: 9am

Arles: 10am & Ballylinan: 11.30am

Blessed Ashes will be distributed at our masses.

Loving Jesus, as I place on my forehead the sign of your saving cross. You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.



Walking into Lent my heart is set on you. May my fasting fill me with hunger for you, May my prayer draw me deeper into your presence. May my acts of charity bring your love to my home and parish.

Lord of life, grant that by turning back to you in these forty days I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith; for you raise me up from fear and despair and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always. With you, I will rise again.

Amen.

Safeguarding

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Pioneer Lenten Challenge & Invitation

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together".

A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.



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