



# TODAY'S MASS READINGS

## First reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

## Second Reading

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

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich

enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord



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9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

## The Season of Lent



In the early Church, Lent was the process developed to welcome new members. As they prepared themselves, a season before Easter evolved of renewal for the already baptized and confirmed. This is what we now call Lent, from the Latin for springtime: new or renewed life.

Lent is about believing in the possibility of love, of God's dream of reconciliation, of restoration, of people living together with all creatures and creation, in love. And yes, Lent is about what we can and must do to allow the Spirit to pierce our hearts with the arrow of God's fiery, passionate love.

We don't mark one another with ashes to be morose about our sinfulness and mortality or to defy the Gospel warning against performing religious acts just to be noticed. Rather, a



smudgy cross mark reminds us God's love is for real: we come from God and are destined for Him. The cross is a sign seared into our souls that can never be eradicated!

We pray, fast, and give generously to signal our conviction that we live together in the power of Christ's resurrection victory of love. That's the joy and the hope that infuse this entire season of Lent!

Father Francis Gargani, C.Ss.R.



## 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 Lacey, Ballylinan who died during this past week.

### Anniversaries for 09 March 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Betty O'Kelly, Ballickmoyler (1st Anniversary) & Her late husband, Tony O'Kelly

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

(11.30am): Requiem Mass for Tony Lacey

### Wednesday 12th March 2025

10am Arles Liam Brennan

### Anniversaries for 16 March 2025

Killeen (9am): Kathleen & Patrick Walsh

Arles (10am):

Ballylinan (7.30pm):

(11.30am): Norah Byrne

### Anniversaries for St. Patrick's Day 2025

Killeen (9am): Pat Leigh

Arles (10am): Jimmy Myron

(11.30am):

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



*Congratulations*

To all in our Confirmation classes who were Confirmed this weekend.

Thank you to our teachers for their help and guidance in preparing the students for this special event, and we wish our young people every blessing both now and in the years to come.



East Laois Macra are having a vintage car, truck and tractor run, accompanied by a kids tractor run, on the 23rd March in Pedigree Corner, in conjunction with Embrace Farm. This will be followed by food and live music.



The **Sick and Housebound** in Ballylinan & Killeen will be attended on Tuesday morning (11th March). Those in Arles will be attended on Wednesday morning (12th March).

*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: Ailish Higgins, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dlp@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

## Voices For Palestine

### A Concert of Love and Support



Concert held in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Carlow, on Friday, 14th March, at 8pm, featuring

Maksym Iozovyi, Indie Celtic, Members of enCORE, John Gleeson, Nuala Foley and Louise Keegan, Musical Director Ollie Hennessy.

Tickets €25, available from [www.gr8events.ie/palestineconcert](http://www.gr8events.ie/palestineconcert) or from Celine 086-2268141, Noelline 085-7274378 or Revd. Paul 086-4113989.



### Top Ten Ways to Help Pollinators: Don't mow, let it grow!

Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time. Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable.



[pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## Living Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week

- + Make the sign of the cross when leaving your home/passing a church/cemetery/before & after a meal
- + Give up social media for an evening (or more!)
- + Take some time to go on a walk and say a prayer along the way
- + Take a pause when you feel you want to give out
- + Give up a coffee/meal out and donate the money you saved
  - + Support Trócaire's Lenten appeal
  - + Do one green thing, e.g. turn off lights, recycle



### 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.

### Barrowside Foroige (Youth Group)

Are you between 1st - 3rd year and looking for a space to be yourself! Meeting 2nd and 4th Friday of each month between 8-9pm in Killeen Hall.

For more information, contact Elaine 0877606687.



### 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](http://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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