



TODAY'S MASS READINGS

First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold

the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' **Alleluia!**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord



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Parish Website: arlesparish.ie

27th April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

POPE FRANCIS

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REQUIESCAT IN PACE

"...The Lord is also calling you... asking you to be a gift wherever you are, and just as you are, with everyone around you. He is asking you not simply to go through life, but to give life; not to complain about life, but to share in the tears of all who suffer... you will discover that the Holy Spirit has gone before you and prepared the way for you."

Homily of Pope Francis. April 14, 2013. The Vatican

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 Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Anniversaries for 27 April 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Tony Noctor

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am): John & Elizabeth Byrne

May & Stephen Murphy

William Bambrick (Birthday remembrance & 2nd Anniversary)

Anniversaries for 04 May 2025

Killeen (9am):

Arles (10am): Patrick and Kathleen Bolton, The Strand

Ballylinan (8pm):

(11.30am):

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Pilgrim Walks In Glendalough

At the Glendalough Hermitage Centre, we are delighted to offer parish groups from all localities a pilgrim experience in the beautiful valley of Glendalough, visiting the sacred sites associated with the 6th Century Saint Kevin and the monastic settlement which flourished through the "Golden Age of Celtic Christianity".

Our project was initiated in the Jubilee Year 2000 by the Archdiocese of Dublin at the

beginning of the third millennium, with the purpose of 'restoring Glendalough as a place of pilgrimage' and during this Jubilee Year 2025, we invite all 'Pilgrims of Hope' to experience a life-giving day in the Valley of the Seven Churches. Our own parish church, St. Kevin's of Laragh has been designated as an additional Jubilee Church during this year.



More details by emailing faiite@glendaloughhermitage.ie

The March For Life 2025, organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes place on Monday, 5th May in Dublin at 2pm



(Meeting point: Opposite Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies!

For more information including on buses travelling to Dublin see www.marchforlife.ie

seniorline
National Confidential Listening Service
for Older People

Would you like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10.00 am to 10.00 pm, they can be contacted on Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and refer the caller to other helpful services available if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help, phone SeniorLine.

Safeguarding

DLP: Ailish Higgins, mobile number 085-8021633 and email: dip@kandle.ie

Parish Safeguarding Rep: Christine Oglesby (087) 654 6149

A word of thanks to all who supported the annual Easter Clergy Collection.

As always, we appreciate people's ongoing generous support.



Solemn Novena to

Our Lady of Perpetual Help



St. Clare's Graiguecullen

28th April—203rd June 2025

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)

28th April

Speaker: Dana Rosemary Scallan

Irish singer, songwriter, and former politician.



trócaire

Parishioners are invited to return their Trócaire Boxes to any of our three churches over the Easter period. Many thanks for your support for the Lenten Campaign.

Arles NS - School Transport Bus Escort

Arles National School is looking for a bus escort to accompany children with additional needs to our school. Further details are on www.educationposts.ie. Please email a Letter of Application and a CV to job25@arlesnationalschool.ie before Wednesday 30th April 2025.



Bóthar Easter Fundraising Campaign



The 2025 Easter Fundraising Campaign for Bóthar supports education for trafficked girls in Tanzania. Make this year a Spring of Hope at www.bothar.ie. Email: info@bothar.ie Tel: +35361414142



Alzheimer's Tea Day

Share a Cuppa

And help support those living with dementia and their families

Date: May 1st 2025

Venue: St. Anne's Hall

Time: 10am—1 pm



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