



## TODAY'S MASS READINGS

### First reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

### Second Reading

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

Since you have been brought back to true life

with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord



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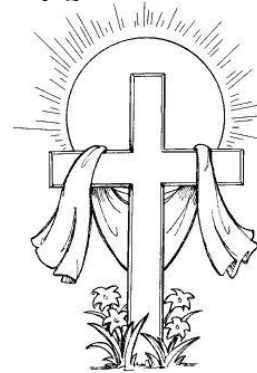
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20th April 2025

Easter Sunday



## Easter Message 2025



My mother was fifteen years dead on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Her death was sudden and unexpected, particularly when I think of dad's. When those we love die, years tend to morph into one another, you forget the number of years. Fifteen years is but a twinkling of an eye.

There is a line in Luke's Easter Vigil gospel that captures this beautifully, as it takes our focus from the grave, from the tombstone: "why look among the dead for someone who is alive?" Those we love and lose to death are alive in Christ and are alive in our hearts.

The three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are essentially one liturgy lasting three days. Holy Thursday begins but doesn't end. Good Friday picks up the themes but leaves us at Golgotha while on Holy Saturday we wait at a tomb, waiting for the dawn to break, waiting for the tomb to be cracked open.

The Triduum is three days in one. Easter is fifty days in one. Let's make the most of these fifty days and feel the life of Christ fully alive among us. I am very conscious of the great work done across all our parishes to unpack the Easter story. I thank priests and people who do so much to make these days special. As the hymn prays:

"Christ is alive, with joy we sing,

We celebrate our risen Lord,

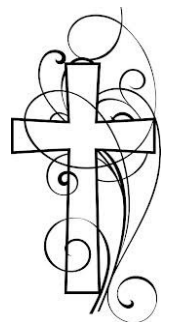
Praising the glory of his name.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

Blessings to all as we celebrate the life of Christ and the life of all we've lost to

death. Happy Easter!

+Denis



## 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 20 April 2025

*Our Masses on Easter Sunday are offered for all our faithful departed.*

*May they know the joy of the Risen Lord in the happiness of heaven.*

### 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)

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

## Parish Office & Shop

Parish Office & Shop (059) 862 5456 will be closed for Easter. It will reopen again on Tuesday 29th April at 10am.



No Morning Mass or Rosary in Arles this coming week.

## 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, visit-

ing the sacred sites associated with the 6th Century Saint Kevin and the monastic settlement which flourished through the "Golden Age of Celtic Christianity".

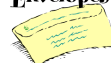
Our project was initiated in the Jubilee Year 2000 by the Archdiocese of Dublin at the

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 and bookings available by emailing [failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie](mailto:failte@glendaloughhermitage.ie)

*The annual Easter Clergy Collection for takes place at all Masses this Easter weekend. As always, we appreciate people's ongoing generous financial support.*

**Offering Envelopes**



## 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.

### Feast of St. Lazerian, Molaise Day

The Feast of St Lazerian, Molaise Day, Ecumenical Prayer Service and Procession, takes place in Old Leighlin on Thursday 24th April at 7pm.



The service begins at St Lazerian's Cathedral, Old

Leighlin, where the homily will be given by Bishop Denis. After the service in the cathedral there is the procession to St Lazerian's Holy Well for the concluding part of the service where Bishop Adrian Wilkinson of the Church of Ireland will speak.

There are refreshments for all afterwards in the Old Leighlin Community Centre.

Everyone is very welcome to come and celebrate one of the significant patron saints of our diocese.



### Safeguarding

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*Easter Blessings*



## Weekly Collections

Sunday 13th April

Arles:	Offertory	€257.59
	Envelope	€173.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€298.54
	Envelope	€185.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€140.61
	Envelope	€193.00

*A sincere word of thanks to all those who contribute to the upkeep of our parish.*

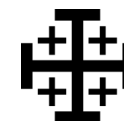
## Easter Cake Sale



Arles Parents' Association are pleased to announce the return of our annual Easter Cake Sale. The Cake Sale will take place on Easter Sunday Morning, April 20th following 10am Mass in Arles Hall. A raffle will take place on the morning also with raffle tickets for sale in the hall.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Pro Terra Sancta Collection



Bishop Denis has asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up a special collection over Easter for the Christian Communities and Parishes in the Holy Land. As we all know, their need is very great at this time.

Thank you



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