

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am

This liturgical Sunday is marked by themes of joy, peace, and the missionary calling of the Church, as reflected in the scriptural readings and reflections provided by various Catholic sources. The Gospel reading from Luke 10, 17-20 highlights Jesus sending out seventy-two disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God, emphasizing vulnerability and trust in divine providence. As this Sunday falls during the Jubilee Year, special prayers are offered for those who carry the Good News to people who have yet to encounter Christ, continuing the mission of the early disciples





KILLALLON: Sun 10am: 1st Anniv. Anne Daly

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. James & Katleen Brannelly, Anniv. J.J. & Michael Lehane

Feast Days - Tue. St. Killian, Martyr **Fri.** St. Benedict, Patron of Europe



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Anniv. Lizzie & Christy Mooney

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Olive Murphy & Anniv. Joseph Davis & Bernadette Masterson

Adoration: Every Monday 2.30pm – 8pm Clonmellon Church **Baptism**: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 11am in Clonmellon **M. Fund Draw**: €65 Tom Stafford, €35 Trevor & Mary Bray, €35 O'Neill Family

<u>A Fore Deanery Jubilee Year</u> celebration taking place at *Fore Abbey on Sun 31st Aug at 4pm* outside the Abbey ruin.

There will be Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. After, the Silverstream Monks will lead Evening Prayer in Fore Parish Church. Refreshments will be served in the Fore Coffee Shop to end the evening.

<u>Meath Diocesan 2025 Pilgrimage to Lourdes 9-14 Sept.</u> Led by Bishop Deenihan. Fr. Moore & the Deanery have noticed that the number of pilgrims travelling has fallen in recent times so Meath Diocesan Lourdes Hospitality Group have met and are appealing to people to travel on this pilgrimage. There will be a small subsistence of the fare available to those eager to travel but short in finance. There will also be medical assistance provided to those invalided.

Full details on Notice Boards & Joe Walsh Tours, tel: 01-2410800 or www.joewalshtours.ie.

POINTS TO PONDER: One of the reasons we prefer to delegate our Lord's evangelistic work to priests, religious and missionaries is



that we fear rejection. When by our words and lifestyles we tell others about Jesus, we sometimes find ourselves labelled as 'religious fanatics,' 'Bible-thumpers,' or perhaps, simply as 'old-fashioned.' Many times we take the rejection personally. So Jesus consoles us: 'Let your peace come back to you.' This means, 'Don't take it personally. You have done your part, so don't worry about the outcome.' He goes on, telling them, 'Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven' in the Book of Life! It is not up to us to force anyone to accept Jesus. Our mission is to prepare the way. If a person's heart is open, the Lord will enter in. A recent survey asked the question, 'Why do

adults join the Catholic Church in spite of the scandals publicised in the media?' Seventy-five per cent of the new adult converts to the Catholic Church reported that they were attracted by a personal invitation from a Catholic who had a lively relationship with Christ and his Church. As faithful Catholics, we will attract others to the Catholic Church – just as a rose attracts people by its beauty and fragrance. It's our job. It's our responsibility. We must not miss the current opportunities to be apostles in everyday life by our words and deeds. - *Sundaypulpit.comr*

REFLECTION: Jesus is preparing his disciples for mission. He leaves them in no doubt about the challenges, obstacles and dangers

which will await them. They will succeed, however, because the power of God is working with them. Accordingly, 'the seventy return with joy'. Do I experience that joy when I do what the Lord wants? The message entrusted to the disciples by Jesus is peace and the nearness of the kingdom of God.' This same message of peace and justice, forgiveness and healing, and the Good News of God's kingdom, has been entrusted to the Church down the centuries. Now it is my turn to witness to it. - sacredspace.com



In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us about mission and vocation. It calls us to be simple and humble as we do our ministry. We should not be discouraged when people do not listen to us. As Pope Francis reminds us in the Joy of the Gospel, every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Jesus Christ. Despite our differences are we ready to accept the responsibility of carrying on his mission and ministry? Today Jesus asked each and every one of us to not only believe in him, but we are also called to share the good news throughout all the earth. - **De la Salle Medical and Science Institute**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Henri Amyl, a Swiss philosopher, wrote about the importance of simplicity: 'All of us are generally bound up with hindrances and duties that wind about us like a spider's web that restricts our movements. In order to simplify our duties and our lives we must know how to disengage what is essential from the detail in which it is entrapped. It is a lack of order that makes us slaves.' Pope John XXIII once said, 'I must strip my views of all useless foliage and concentrate on what is truth, justice and charity.' - **Blessingtonparish.ie**

Very special welcome to our new parish priest Fr. David Bradley to Clonmellon & Killallon Parish