

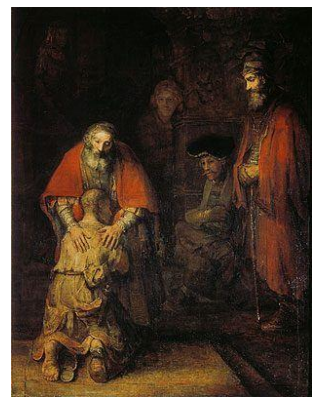


4th Sunday of Lent

30th March 2025

Please pray *The Rosary for a revival of faith & prayer in our homes and return to mass.*

Rosary Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am Confessions before and after Sunday masses



Sinners & outcasts are at ease with Jesus, and his story of the prodigal son tells why. Today's readings are a source of hope and consolation for all who have sinned in any way. Our Lord's eating with sinners is a sign of God breaking through his own laws in order to save those who are in danger of being lost



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Anniv. William Leonard, Anniv. Margaret Carr & Anniv. Christy Carr

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Seamus & Fr. Pat Fitzsimons, Anniv. Elizabeth & Anthony Alvey & d.f.m

First Fri – Mass Killallon 7.30pm



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Anniv. Michael & Kitty Murphy & d.f.m.

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. David Smith, Anniv. Harriet McCann, Anniv. John & Kathleen Carr

Sacraments: First Holy Communion Sun 11th May 11.30am Clonmellon

Baptisms – 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 11.00am in Clonmellon Church

Adoration: Every Monday 2.30pm – 8.00pm

Communion Calls: Tuesday – Archerstown, Rathbrack Wednesday – Delvin Road, Cloran, Killua

Samaritans: If you are feeling lonely, depressed, isolated ph: 116123 24hrs per day 365 days a year

SeniorLine is a confidential listening service for older people in Ireland, provided by trained older volunteers and open 365 days a year from 10am to 10pm. It offers a freefone number, 1800 804 591, for those who wish to talk about their problems or seek companionship.



During Lent we prepare to celebrate the Death & Resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

We suggest you take on one or more of the following practices:

- Stations of the Cross - The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary - Scripture

Parish Lenten Programme “Coming Together to Pray Together” continues Wed 2nd April 7.30 – 8pm in Clonmellon Church & every Wed of Lent – **Everyone welcome**

WILD GOOSE SEMINARS Programme for parents and children of **Confirmation & First Holy Communion** continues this **Mon 31st Mar 2025 @ 8-9pm** (Link to be distributed via school and will be available on parish website clonmellonkillallonparish.ie/)

Killallon Drama Group present **Princess Whatsername** in Killallon Community Hall Thurs 27th March to Sat 29th March @8pm & Matinee Sat 29th & Sun 30th March @ 2.30pm. Adm Adults €15, Children / students €10

Prayer to Jesus Christ Crucified

My good and dear Jesus, I kneel before you, asking you most earnestly to engrave upon my heart a deep and lively faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm resolve to make amends. As I reflect upon your five wounds, and dwell upon them with deep compassion and grief, I recall, good Jesus, the words the prophet David spoke long ago concerning yourself: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have counted all my bones!" **Amen.**

Thought for the Day - Remembering mothers

'A mother's hug lasts long after she let's go.' – Unknown

'All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother' – Abraham Lincoln

'If I had a single flower for every time I think of you, I could walk forever in my garden.' – Claudia Ghandi

'I love you every day. And now, I will miss you every day.' – Mitch Albom

'There are no goodbyes, wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.' – Mahatma Gandhi

'It's not easy being a mother. If it were, fathers would do it.' – Golden Girls

'Becoming a mother makes you realize you can do almost anything one-handed.' – Unknown

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel -

The two clear lessons from today's Gospel are: I can be absolutely sure of God's mercy and forgiveness, provided I turn back to him in true sorrow; I need to have the same attitude of compassion with people who offend me. I must be ready to forgive and be reconciled. I cannot refuse to love someone that God loves. There are three people in this story and we can identify with all of them: The son who went far from his Father and following his own way into the most degrading behaviour;

The son who thought he was good and observant, but deep down, did not have the mind of his Father at all. He kept the commandments and all the rules but did not have a forgiving heart; The Father whose love never changes no matter what his children do and is ready to accept them back every time without exception. Which of these three most represents me? Which one would I like to be? Many say they identify most with the elder son, which of course is the point of the story. They who are the real sinners are those who shut their hearts against God's compassionate love. - livingspace.sacredspace.ie a resource of the Irish Jesuits Intercom Mar 25