

TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

R.I.P.

Mass Mon to Friday 10am

KILLALLON Sun 10.am Ann – Terence Fagan

CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am Ann – John & Margaret Dunne Ann- Tom McGuinness &d.f.m.

Wed – St Vincent de Paul Thur – Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael Archangels Sat – St Jerome

KILLALLON Sun 10am Ann – Mary & Brian Rice Archerstown

CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am M.M.-Kitty McGonagle Ann & Seamus Mulvaney

Adoration Monday 2.30 -8pm Baptisms 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month.

UKRAINE- Please continue to pray for an end to the conflict and for peace in Ukraine and that refugees from Ukraine will find places to live and the support they need to recover from this ordeal.

October – Month of the Rosary. Mass to mark the opening of the school year Tuesday 10.am

Pioneers of Meath Diocese - Afternoon of Prayer, Reflection & Masses Sun 1st October 2pm in Franciscan Friary Multyfarnham. **Tanzania - We appeal for generous contributions to the hungry boxes over the next few weeks as Moira & Eamonn Brehony return there**

M.Fund Draw - Sun Oct 1st

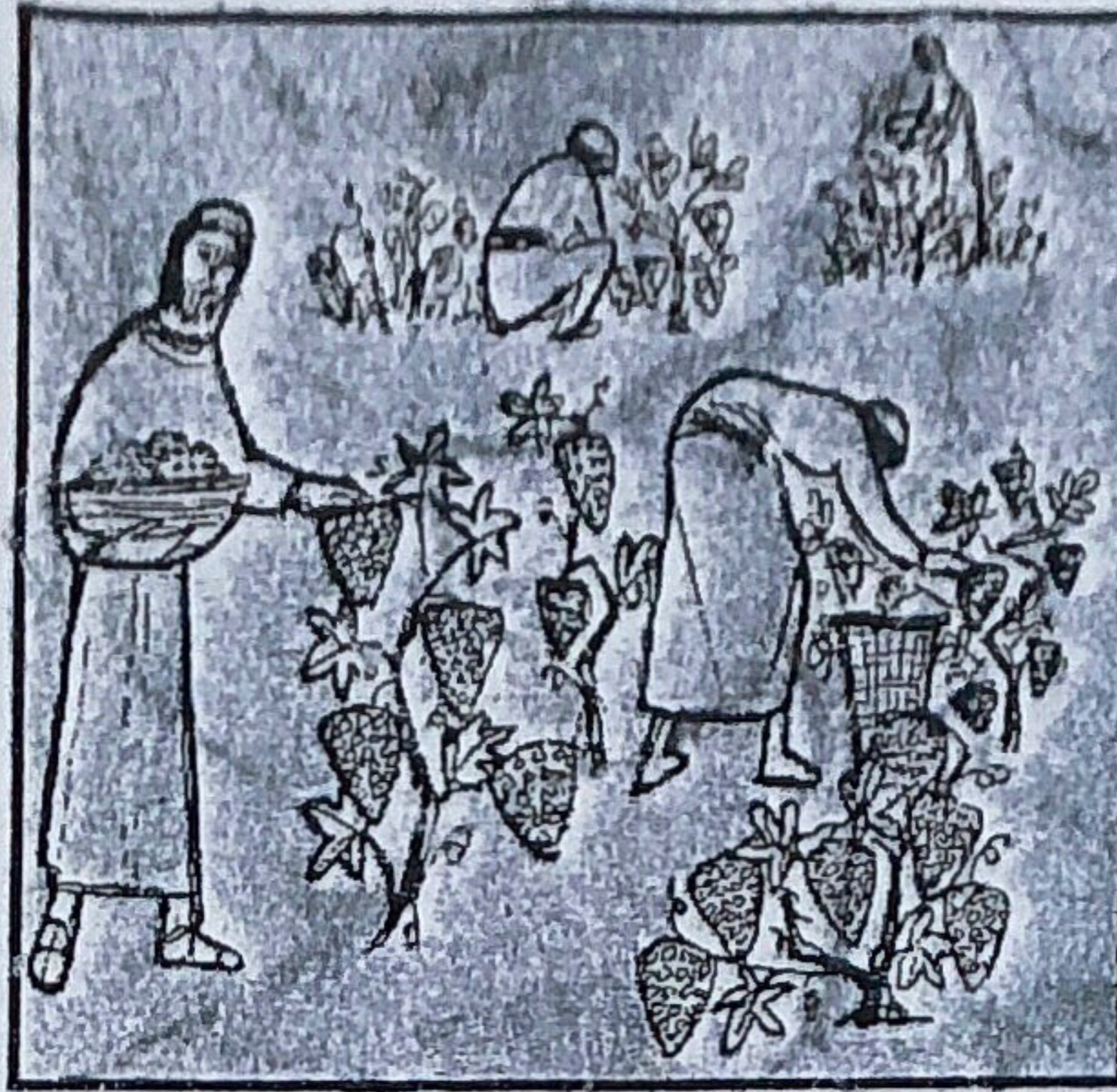
Points to Ponder

Building the future with migrants and refugees means recognising and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of construction. I like to see this approach to migration reflected in a prophetic vision of Isaiah, which considers foreigners not invaders or destroyers, but willing labourers who rebuild the walls of the new Jerusalem, that Jerusalem whose gates are open to all peoples (cf. Is 60:10-11). Indeed, history teaches us that the contribution of migrants and refugees has been fundamental to the social and economic growth of our societies. This continues to be true in our own day. Their work, their youth, their enthusiasm and their willingness to sacrifice enrich the communities that receive them. Yet this contribution could be all the greater were it optimised and supported by carefully developed programs and initiatives. Enormous potential exists, ready to be harnessed, if only it is given a chance.

The presence of migrants and refugees represents a great challenge, but at the same time an immense opportunity for the cultural and spiritual growth of everyone. Openness to one another creates spaces of fruitful exchange between different visions and traditions, and opens minds to new horizons. It also leads to a discovery of the richness present in other religions and forms of spirituality unfamiliar to us, and this helps us to deepen our own convictions.

As we have seen, the arrival of Catholic migrants and refugees can energise the ecclesial life of the communities that welcome them. Often they bring an enthusiasm that can revitalise our communities and enliven our celebrations. Sharing different expressions of faith and devotions offers us a privileged opportunity for experiencing more fully the catholicity of the People of God.

Pope Francis



PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

I pray today, Lord, for myself and fellow exiles.
Those who love their homes
But are forced to live in strange surroundings,
With people we do not know;
Who speak a language we do not understand.

I pray for all those who have been deprived of:
Their right to live in their own territories;
Those who are forcibly ejected,
Discriminated against, persecuted and expelled.
Those who dream of a promised land.
But are now camping in shanty towns.

I pray that we may feel exiles no longer.
That we make ourselves at home
Wherever we are,
In the warmth of our hope
And the strength of our faith.

'Only this, to do what is right,
To love loyalty and to walk humbly with your
God.'

Rev. Kevin Lyon.

Thoughts of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Memorial 23 September

Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer.

Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, derangement and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit, and love God.

If we are calm and persevering, we shall find not only ourselves, but our souls, and with that, God Himself.

Continue to be patient – it will all be for your good.

Even if the world were to capsize, if everything were to become dark, hazy, tumultuous, God would still be with us.



1. 'I was there first'. Envy easily comes to the surface when faced with the good fortune of others, especially when compared to what seems less favourable treatment of ourselves. Can you recall that feeling in yourself and what it did to you? Can you also recall times when you were content with your lot, even though it seemed others had greater gifts, better opportunities, etc.
2. A parent or teacher who gives a lot of time to a difficult child does not love the others less, but if we are one of those other children we may not see that. Recall a 'Jesus person' in your life who helped you to overcome feelings of envy and helped you appreciate that the apparently more favourable treatment of another did not mean a lessening of love for you.
3. This leads us to the core message of this parable, namely, that God's love is a free gift, and not earned. Recall moments when you were particularly conscious of the gifts that God has given you by counting all the blessings that you have, no matter how small.
4. 'It is too late now' are words sometimes uttered to justify doing nothing about a situation. This parable tells us that where love is involved, it is never too late. Can you recall times when you got a positive response after taking action when you thought it was 'too late'?