

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Mass Mon to Friday 10am

KILLALLON Sun 10am Ann – Oliver Gerard & Jim Burke

CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am M.M. – Mrs Anne Farrelly

Mon – St Ita Tues – St Fursa Thur – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

KILLALLON Sun 10am

CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am Ann- Paddy & Kate Garry & d.f.m. Ann – Josephine Kelly

Adoration Monday 2.30pm – 8pm. Baptisms 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month 11.00am

Confirmation Thur March 7th First Communion Sunday May

Baptism Team – If you would like to be a member of a parish baptism team please give in your name to the Parochial House or to any member of the P.P.A. **Come and See** – The theme of vocation stands out in the Readings of this Sunday. In the Gospel there is the call to the first disciples by Jesus; in the 1st reading is the call of Samuel. In the forefront of both these accounts is the importance of the figure who plays the role of mediator, helping people to recognise God's voice and to follow it. May we help others to see their call and in particular, help young men to be priests for Christ in our Diocese. Fr Tony Gonoude 044-9373923

Programme for Parents of children for Confirmation & First Communion by Zoom beginning Monday 22nd January 8pm (more details next week)

Our Sincere thanks for your very generous contributions to the Christmas Offering List

R.I.P.

Pat Healy Rosmead

Christy Drumm Delvin

Michael Costello Boyle

Voting with your Feet

The very first words of Jesus in John's Gospel are his words which we heard him say today to Andrew and the other disciple, 'What are you looking for?' or 'What do you want?' which is another way of saying it. It is an invitation to us to look into our hearts and see what is going on in our hearts. The saints are those who wanted one thing in life, what God wanted. What do we most want in life? Is it to draw closer to Jesus? There is a saying about voting with our feet. If in any way we are not voting with our feet for God, so to speak, can we reflect on how to fix it? If you want a closer relationship with God, ask God for it. If you want to be closer to Jesus, ask Jesus to help you draw closer to him. 'What are you looking for?' 'What do you want?' The saints are those who wanted one thing in life, what God wanted.

Andrew and the other disciple answered, 'Where are you staying?' So much in the Gospel of John is symbolic, they are not asking Jesus for his street address and house number, but they were saying they want to be where Jesus is. They want to be with Jesus. They discovered what was in their hearts: they want to be with Jesus and are now, so to speak, voting with their feet. They are leaving John the Baptist to go to Jesus.

Jesus said to them, 'Come and see.' They spent the rest of the day with him. Think that is an invitation from Jesus to each of us also. 'Come and see.' 'Spend an hour with me.' It is an invitation to pray, an invitation to get to know Jesus, to say like Samuel in our first reading, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening' (1 Sam 3:9), an invitation to listen to Jesus' words like Mary who sat at his feet while her sister Martha was busy in the kitchen, an invitation to study Jesus' words so that we will get to know Jesus better.



DIOCESE OF MEATH

VACANCY

DIRECTOR OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT

5 YEAR FIXED TERM CONTRACT

The Diocese of Meath is a Catholic community of sixty-nine parishes divided into eight regional deaneries living and working together in service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its geographical area comprises counties Meath and Westmeath, the greater part of County Offaly, one parish in County Louth and two parishes in County Cavan.

The Diocese is seeking to recruit for the role of Director of Faith Development in the Diocese of Meath. It is an exciting and challenging opportunity in the life and mission of the Diocese. The post holder will be required to lead and work under their own initiative as well as work as part of a team to develop and implement new approaches, resources and programmes to adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, and evangelisation in parishes across the diocese.

The terms are based on a 5-year Fixed Term Contract, working 35 hours per week, work pattern to be agreed.

Salary: Will be considered within the range of €40,000-€42,500 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience and qualifications.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan Website at: www.dioceseofmeath.ie clicking on the tab job vacancy where terms and conditions and application form relating to the role can also be accessed.

Applications are welcome from anyone who feels they meet the criteria as presented and are interested in playing an active role in faith development in the Diocese of Meath.

Closing date for applications will be 5pm on Friday 2nd February 2024

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1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them, e.g., leaving home, changing jobs, etc.
2. Where do you live? Jesus did not respond to the question by giving the disciples his address. He invited them to come and experience where and how he lived. Discipleship is a lived experience. What experiences have helped you to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him?
3. What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there with them. What group experiences have helped your faith to grow?
4. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten small beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude with:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.