



# 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Mass – Monday to Friday 10am

**KILLALLON** Sun 10am: Ann - M.M.- Christy Carr & Ann - Margaret Carr

**CLONMELLON** Sun 11.30am: The Gavigan Family, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann - Harriet McCann, Ann - David Smyth, Ann - Barbara Elliott

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**KILLALLON** Sun 10am: Ann – Deceased Members of Clinton family

**CLONMELLON** Sun 11.30am: Ann – Kathleen & Jack Carr & Ina Valerino, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann – Margaret Reilly, Ann – Jimmy McQuaid

Adoration: Mon 2.30-8pm

Baptisms: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month

**Easter Offering List** will be acknowledged next week.

Trocaire Boxes will be taken in at Masses today. Please change small coins into notes.

Meeting of **Cemetery & Finance Committee** Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm, Parochial House

Next Sunday –Vocations Sunday – We pray in all our Masses for those preparing to be priests in our diocese – Collection at all Masses in our diocese for them.



## The Power of Prayer: The need to pray for better weather in Ireland

St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians 4:6, encourages the people not to worry but pray to God in every situation they find themselves. He says, "Do not worry about anything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." As we are aware, right now in Ireland, there's a loud cry from the farmers owing to bad weather, which is practically causing them a setback in their effort to grow various crops and caring for the animals. Yes, let it not appear as if we are in a hopeless and helpless situation, but all we need to do now is to turn to God in prayers. He owns everything, and He controls the universe. Let's not be pessimistic about the weather. Let's leave the things we cannot ordinarily change in the hands of God. Remember, nothing is impossible for God. He can do anything and everything. When it was impossible in the sight of the Gibeonites, when the five Amorite Kings planned to invade Gibeon, God used Joshua, who prayed to God, and God answered his prayer. The Sun stood still until Joshua defeated the Amorites (Josh 10:12). When Jacob was to meet his brother, Esau. He was afraid of an attack from Esau. Then he (Jacob) prayed to God, and all went well. (Gen 32: 9-12). Hannah, a great woman of faith, when she was mocked by people around her because of her barrenness. In her pain, she cried out to God in prayer. And God granted her request (1Sam 2: 1-10). Solomon as a King prayed for wisdom, and God gave him (1Kings 3:6-9).

Another personality is Daniel. He prayed on behalf of the people of Israel, and God answered his prayer (Dan 9: 4-7). Elijah prayed and stopped rain in Samaria for three years and six months (1Kings 17-18). Again, the same Elijah prayed seven times and rain began to fall (1 Kings 18: 43-44). There's nothing God cannot do. There's nothing happening now that never took place before. Let us turn to God in prayer. He will listen to our prayers and grant us better weather. God always wants the best for us. Let's keep faith and pray to Him. Jesus says, "Ask and you shall receive, seek, and you shall find" (Matt 7:7). As Christian believers, we know that prayer changes things. In the first letter of St. John 5: 4, he says "if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us". Focus on the possibilities and leave in the hands of God the impossibilities. Like the two disciples on their way to Emmaus, who were confused and agitated over the news of the death of Jesus Christ and the account of the empty tomb? They were struggling between doubt and belief. And then Jesus revealed himself to them at the breaking of bread. Let us focus on Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, who is always revealing Himself at the breaking of bread, the Holy Eucharist, that better days ahead. May Our Lady, the Star of the Sea, continue to intercede for us, Amen.

- Fr. Samuel Osuman

