



# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024



## Mass Times & Intentions:

Mass – Monday to Friday Clonmellon 10am

**Rest in Peace:** Séamus Gavigan, Clonmellon

**KILLALLON:** Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 10am: Ann. Margaret & Peter Cooke, Mary Toner

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 11.30am: Geraldine & John Fitzsimons Noreen & Paddy Murray

Mon – The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Thur – St. Cyril

Fri – St. Ireneus

Sat – Saints Peter & Paul

**KILLALLON:** Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June - 10am

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June - 11.30am: Ann – Robert Cannon, Shantobar

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

**Adoration:** Every Mon 2.30-8pm

**LOUGHCREW** - Annual Mass in honour of St Oliver Plunkett Sun June 30<sup>th</sup> 3pm.

**Rally for Life:** Join us Sat 1.30pm 6<sup>th</sup> July Parnell Square and O'Connell Street

**Collection for the Hungry:** €140.00

**Bus to Lough Derg** (1st – 3rd July): Bus leaves Park Hotel, Mullingar at 8.30 am on Monday 1st July.

For further details tel: Carmel at 044 9374818

## Points to Ponder

### *Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?*

Have you ever felt like this? Have you ever felt like you were sinking in a raging sea, and no matter how hard you prayed, and how intently you looked for Jesus, Jesus just didn't seem to be listening? Did you ever feel like you would hit the bottom of the sea before Jesus ever got around to doing anything about it? Have you ever asked aloud: Why? Why me? What did I do to deserve this? It can't be said enough: God never, ever, ever promises that nothing bad will ever happen. God never promises smooth sailing and blue skies every day. If you think that God promises this, you haven't read your Bible lately. What God does promise is that when the world comes crashing down, God is right there with us. Jesus is there with us, in the sinking boat. This is an important part of the story: Jesus isn't elsewhere. He isn't in some comfortable palace somewhere eating olives and hummus. He is in the boat with the disciples. Sinking. And then he calms the storm.

So, maybe the world is crashing in on you today. Maybe it was yesterday. And then again, maybe it will be tomorrow. But, whenever it does – and it's not a matter of 'if,' but 'when' – whatever you think, and whatever your prayer, know that you haven't been abandoned. God isn't on a lunch break. God isn't out for you. God is with you. And all you need is enough faith to get you through to the moment when Jesus speaks, 'Peace. Be still.'

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### **Prayer for Strength**

Every day I need you Lord but this day especially,  
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to be.

This day more than any day I need to feel you near,  
To fortify my courage and to overcome my fear.

By myself, I cannot meet the challenge of the hour,  
There are times when humans help, but we need a higher power  
To assist us bear what must be borne, and so dear Lord, I pray,  
Hold on to my trembling hand and be near me today. **Amen**

### **Gratitude**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make  
music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim  
your love each morning, and you help throughout  
the day. **Amen**

