



1st Sunday of Ordinary Time

4th August 2024



Rest in Peace -

Michael Hetherton

Mass Times & Intentions:

Mass – Monday to Friday Clonmellon 10am

KILLALLON: Sun 28th July 10am - M.M. Ann Daly, Mulliganstown. Ann. Maisie Henry & deceased family members of Henry & Mulligan families

CLONMELLON Sun 28th July 11.30am – Ann. Christy Dolan & deceased family members, Ann. Tom, Catherine & Andrew Muldoon

Tue – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Thur – St. Dominic

Friday – t. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein Patron of Europe)

KILLALLON: Sun 11th Aug. 10am – M.M. Rita Briody, Ann. Jimmy & Maureen McNiece

CLONMELLON Sun 11th Aug. 11.30am –

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month

Adoration: Every Monday 2.30 – 8pm.

Maintenance Fund Draw: €65.00 Billy Foley, €35.00 Seán Rice & Tom Barbour

Novena Mass: A Matt Talbot Novena Mass & prayers takes place in St. Michael Church Castlepollard on Fri 9th August 7.30pm with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. We encourage Pioneer members to attend. **See Notice boards**

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Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock Sun August 11- Bishop Deenihan - This year, the Diocese will be joined by the Diocesan Choir and the Fr. Willie Doyle Association are also joining our pilgrimage.

If there is enough interest there will be a bus leaving at 8.30am from outside church Clonmellon, arriving outside church Delvin 8.45am on 11th Aug. Please give your name and tel. no to either church sacristan or any member of the PPA. by Mon. 5th Aug latest please.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The hungry nations of the world cry out to the peoples blessed with abundance. And the Church, cut to the quick by this cry, asks each and every [person] to hear his brother's plea and answer it lovingly. Countless millions are starving, countless families are destitute, countless men are steeped in ignorance; countless people need schools, hospitals, and homes worthy of the name. In such circumstances, we cannot tolerate public and private expenditures of a wasteful nature; we cannot but condemn lavish displays of wealth by nations or individuals; we cannot approve a debilitating arms race. It is our solemn duty to speak out against them - *Saint Pope Paul VI, Populorum Progressio (On the development of peoples), 1967, para. 3 & 53*

POINTS TO PONDER: Last Sunday's gospel from John talked about Jesus miraculously feeding the 5,000. Today's gospel is closely connected to that; the people in the Galilean countryside are still following Jesus; they were fed once, and, as Jesus realizes, they've come for more. They are still hungry. They probably don't quite know themselves what they are hungry for, or what they truly need. How often do we hear in the gospels this question about Jesus, 'Who is this?' Which reminds us a lot of the question of the Israelites, 'Man hu', what is this? People see Jesus as a teacher, a healer, someone who is different, someone who has authority, a leader, a prophet, someone with amazing powers. But they don't see that Jesus is 'it' – 'manna'. They, just like those Israelites in the wilderness, don't realise that God has set before them exactly what they need, what the world needs: Jesus himself, the bread from heaven, the bread of life. They don't see that there, right in front of their eyes, is God who models compassion, grace, solidarity, true community – true communion -, and self-sacrifice for the sake of the world, for the sake of the larger good. They, and not only they, but we as well, have a hard time understanding that we are called to partake in this God with all our heart and all our mind and all our soul, to make all that Christ embodies part of us – you are, what you eat, after all – and allow our lives be transformed. And that we are called to become bread ourselves, sharing ourselves with a hungry world.

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