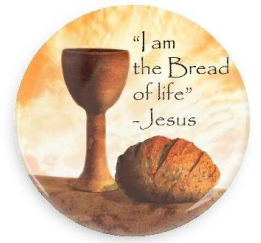




19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

11th August 2024



Mass Times & Intentions:

Mass – Monday to Friday Clonmellon 10am

KILLALLON: Sun 11th Aug 10am - M.M. Rita Briody, Ann. Jimmy & Maureen McNiece
CLONMELLON Sun 11th Aug 11.30am

Wed – St. Maximilian Kolbe

Thur – **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Mass times are as follows:

CLONMELLON 11.30am - Ann – Kathleen & Patrick Lynch, Ann- Christy Drumm & deceased family members.
KILLALLON 7.30pm

Sat – Our Lady of Knock

KILLALLON: Sun 18th Aug. 10am – Ann. Tom & Monica Ryan
CLONMELLON Sun 18th Aug. 11.30am – Ann. John & Kay McCarthy, 1st Ann. Kitty McGonagle

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month

Adoration: Every Monday 2.30 – 8pm.

Rest in Peace -

Michael Ludlow late Clonmellon

Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock Sun August with Bishop Deenihan –

We unite our prayers with all our pilgrims from every parish in the Diocese including our own (full bus).

A WORD OF THANKS: We thank you for your generous support for last Sunday's collection for the poor in Tanzania (€756) to help support the on-going projects (Fees for the education of poor children, Moira's work as a nurse & midwife) in the clinics established by the M.M.M. Drogheda with whom Eamonn & Moira Brehony are lay missionaries.

If you missed it you can put your offering in any of the poor boxes in either church or drop it through the letterbox of the Parochial House. We will send them with last Sunday's collection & the Poor Box collection over the last few months to the Brehonys before they return in early September.

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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