



30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Please pray The Rosary for a revival of faith & prayer in our homes and return to mass.



Mass Times & Intentions: Mass – Monday to Friday Clonmellon 10am

KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: 1st Ann. Pat Carrigy, Ann. Joe Carrigy, Ann. Peter & Marie Halpin & d.f.m. Ann. Betty, Donal & Seamus Clarke & d.f.m.

R.I.P.
OLIVE KELLY
MOYLAGH late KILLUA

Mon – Sts Simon & Jude **FRIDAY _ FEAST OF ALL SAINTS** Masses – **CLONMELLON 11.30am Killallon 7.30am**

SATURDAY _ FEAST OF ALL SOULS Masses for New List of the Dead – **CLONMELLON 11.30am KILLALLON 7.30pm**

CONFESSIONS – before & after masses Nov 1st & 2nd

KILLALLON Sun 10am Ann – Deceased membs of Reilly family

CLONMELLON Sun 11.30am Ann – May Shaw Ann – Martin Conroy Ann – Peter Swaine & Frank Mahon

Communion Calls Tuesday – Archerstown, Rathbrack Herbertstown Wed – Delvin Road, Cloran, Killua

November List of the Dead: Envelopes on tables in porches in both churches.

Mary Ware Endowment Fund: This fund assists those students in our parish entering into 3rd level education each year. Application Forms are now available in Leonard's Shop.

Suggestion Boxes are now in place in the porches of both churches in our parish. The P.P.A. welcome all suggestions from our parishioners. We thank you for your recent suggestions which were recorded at our last meeting and have been taken into consideration.

M>Fund Draw Fri 1st November

November Offering Day – Sunday November 10th (not November 3rd)

Catholic Primate 'alarmed' at unapproved school texts

The Primate of All Ireland has said he is "alarmed" by the ongoing debates around school SPHE textbooks and training which include controversial issues around gender ideology and sexuality, adding the Church has not approved the use of these courses.

Speaking exclusively to *The Irish Catholic* Archbishop Eamon Martin has said that no SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) or RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) resources "should be in any school without consultation with parents". "I know there's a bit of controversy at the moment over particular textbooks – we have not approved the use of any of those textbooks in Catholic schools," Archbishop Martin said.

The prelate warned that "many of our children are struggling with the issues of today, like gender, and are being bombarded with stuff online, and a lot of our children need to be able to talk about that and our teachers need to be equipped to be able to talk with them. But there's a big difference between that and a sort of ideological colonisation that seems to be happening among some people, but not very many". His comments come after uproar from some parents and politicians regarding proposed textbooks for students in primary and secondary schools and training

for SPHE teachers, including a DCU course which taught about pornographic terms and other highly sexual content.

The archbishop, who is a former teacher and principal, said he believes that Catholic teachers "instinctively know that this stuff is not appropriate" adding that teachers are "simply there to support parents and I do feel that parents are critical to this".

"Most parents instinctively know what they want their children to learn and when and what is appropriate for their age, if some researcher or academic comes and says, 'oh no, children should have the agency here, let's tell children everything'... that's like saying to children to go out and play with the traffic and you'll learn about road safety," he said.

"We teach children in every aspect of their lives to keep themselves safe and I do believe that parents today are endeavouring to steer their children through what is a very complex and confusing bombardment of messages and parents are trying to hold values, to teach children you are loved by God, we love you, but we

want you to respect your body, respect the bodies of others, and respect the gift of sexuality."

Archbishop Martin believes parents are doing this and "want teachers to support them".

"The last thing they [parents] want is schools to say, 'don't listen to your parents, we know what is better for you'. And that's where we come in, in trying to provide

the materials that allow [Catholic] schools to discuss these topics, even the most controversial topics, like change of gender, like LGBT topics, like abortion, contraception. We have resources that allow those topics to be spoken about in a faith context, which we believe is consistent with the ethos of the school."

While he does not believe highly sexual or pornographic material "should be near schools", he adds this does not mean teachers do not need "to be able to understand terms".

He added: "I taught a lot of these programmes myself and I was always very careful not to put any young person into

the position where they had to share intimate details about their own sexuality, or to have it discussed by other pupils in the classroom, and I think we know that instinctively. That's not to say that children will not be very interested. They will ask questions, and they will want to be given mature, adult answers – that can be done within the ethos of the school.

"We in the Catholic Church have been providing resources now to our schools so that they can have good quality resources. I think parents want their children to be educated in relationships and sexuality, but they do not want the agency of that to be taken entirely away from them and neither should it be."

Full exclusive interview with the Primate of All Ireland next week discussing his 10 years as Archbishop of Armagh