



1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2024



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

Mass Times & Intentions: Rosary Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am
Confessions before & after mass every Sunday, Killallon 10am & Clonmellon 11.30

KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Ann. Nancy Smyth & d.f.m. of Smyth family

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Ann. John McCann. Ann – Enda Carolan

Tue – St. Francis Xavier, Patron of the Missions

Wed – St John Damascene

Fri – St Nicholas **First Friday Mass Killallon 7.30pm (6th Dec)**

KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Ann. John & Marie Breen

Communion Calls:

Tuesday – Archerstown, Rathbrack, Herbertstown

Wednesday – Delvin, Road, Cloran, Killua

Carol Service in Clonmellon Church on Wed 18th Dec. - Further details to follow

Sacraments:

Confirmation: Thurs 25th March 2025 (Please note change from last week's notices)

First Holy Communion: Sunday 11th May 2025

November Offering List – Our sincere thanks to all those who generously support the November Offering List, if there are any more outstanding please send in to Parochial House, thank you.

Maintenance Fund Draw: €65 Eugene Carr, €35 Wilson Family & John Leonard

Killallon drama group will hold their Christmas Extravaganza in Killallon CC on Sunday 1st Dec from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Santa's Grotto, stalls and Raffle with all proceeds going to local St Vincent De Paul.

We thank all the families and all who come to worship God in our 2 churches every Sunday. All children receiving Confirmation & First Holy Communion should be at mass each Sunday accompanied by their parents who should show them example & leadership. Study of the mass from The Catechism of the Catholic Church with Fr. Samuel & volunteers from the P.P.A, beginning early February.

Advent



Advent has two main aspects: it prepares for the celebration of Christ's first coming at Christmas and looks forward to His second coming at the end of time. It is a time of joyful expectation. Advent is not just about remembering Christmas but about anticipating the entire mystery of Christ's incarnation, His first and second comings. Christians live in a time between these two events, called to wait in hope and strengthen their faith.

Advent calls for waiting, conversion, and hope:

- Waiting to remember Christ's humble first coming and to pray for His glorious return.
- Conversion, through repentance, as urged by John the Baptist: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- Joyful hope, trusting that the salvation Christ began will be fully realized and we will be transformed to see Him as He truly is.

There are ways families can celebrate the season of Advent:

An Advent wreath consists of a frame holding four candles placed inside a circle of evergreens. The greenery in the wreath symbolises the promised new life in Jesus. The four candles denote the four Sundays of Advent. There are three purple candles and one rose candle. Purple is a sign of penance and rose is the colour denoting the anticipation of joy. Light a candle on each Sunday evening of Advent, saying a short prayer or singing a verse of 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel.' The light of the candles represents the light coming into the world as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth. **Amen**