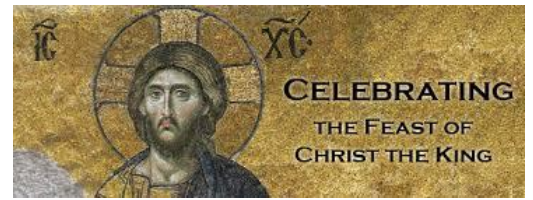




# Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

24<sup>th</sup> November 2024



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

**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am: Ann. David Dalton, Ann. Fr. John Fagan & d.f.m.

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Ann. Tommy McQuaid, Ann. Patricia Ross, Ann. Betty & James Leavy

**Mon** – St. Clement I, Pope

**Wed** – St. Fergal

**Fri** – Mass in Killallon 7.30pm

**Sat** – St. Andrew, Apostle

**Rest in Peace:**

Assumpta McGuinness, Hartstown

Funeral Clonmellon on Mon 12noon

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

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Ann. John McCann

**Solemnity of Christ the King 40hrs Adoration** in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.**  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. Solemn Vespers & Benediction 4pm

**Sacraments:** **Confirmation:** Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 **First Holy Communion:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Next Sunday 1st Dec. is the 1st Sunday of Advent**

**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.

## **To be a people of hope!**

### **Irish Catholic Bishops' statement for Election 2024 and questions for candidates**

The 29 November General Election offers voters a chance to influence the values, policies, and conversations shaping Ireland's future. As followers of Jesus Christ, the reflection, grounded in Gospel values, acknowledges the current social, political, cultural, ethical, and spiritual challenges. The focus is on providing hope, with suggested questions aimed at helping voters engage with candidates during the election campaign.

**Living with dignity:**

Despite the indications of a buoyant economy, too many people in Ireland are still suffering financial hardships due to increased costs of food and energy. Also, the inability of so many individuals and families to acquire a home of their own affects social cohesion. Suggested questions for candidates:

**What will you do to address the current housing and homelessness crisis and the consequent distress that affects people? Are you prepared to propose and support measures that will enable people to have a home and have real hope for the future?**

**Welcoming those who come to us in their need:**

The pastoral letter, *A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?* published on 12 October, addresses the challenges posed by increased immigration to Ireland. It calls on political leaders to address key issues in the economy and social fabric, ensuring that immigrants seeking a better life are welcomed and feel a sense of belonging in Irish society.

Suggested questions for candidates:

**What measures will your party take to ensure that those seeking asylum in Ireland are not left in tents? Are you prepared to support a fair and more timely system for the processing of asylum applications? Will you publicly oppose all forms of racism, include racism on social media platforms?**

**Valuing every life in every condition:**

We believe that an absolute commitment to dignity, value and right to life of every person – at every stage and in every condition of life – is vital for the sustaining of a vibrant, hope-filled cohesive, flourishing society.

Suggested questions for candidates:

**What is your stance on assisted dying legislation?**

***There is Hope! In this 2024 election message, we highlight key areas for reflection, aiming to bring the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the national conversation. This is done with respect and inspired by the hopeful vision of Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection.***