



2nd Sunday of Advent

8th 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:

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

Mon – Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass in Clonmellon 11.30am, Killallon 7.30pm

Tue – Our Lady of Loreto

Thur – St Finnian (Meath) & Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fri – St. Lucy

Sat - St John of the Cross

KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am:



Rest in Peace:

Fr. Frank McNamara, Mullingar

Carol Service in Clonmellon Church on Wed 18th Dec.@6.30pm

Sacraments:

Confirmation: Thurs 25th March 2025

First Holy Communion: Sunday 11th May 2025

Advent



Preparing the way for the Lord involves aligning our lives, both individually and collectively, with God's presence. For monks, this means living a life centered on the Blessed Sacrament, where Christ's presence is central. However, preparation is not limited to church rituals—it extends to how we interact with others and how we use every moment to deepen our relationship with God. John the Baptist serves as a model, having lived entirely for God, and monks follow in his footsteps through simplicity, prayer, fasting, and communal living.

Outward practices are meaningless without inner love and humility. If monks—or anyone—live by monastic traditions but are unkind, judgmental, or prideful, they are no closer to God. The monastic life exposes the internal struggle between good and evil, and Advent can be a time to reflect on how we can make our own paths straight by fostering genuine love and humility. - **Intercom Magazine Dec 2024**

Advent Prayer

Christ was born into the world to be the light of all people on their way through life. Today, we renew our dedication to live as He has shown us, so that when He comes again we will be ready to receive him

Response Come, Lord Jesus.

Come into our hearts. **Response**

Come into our homes. **Response**

Come to those who are lonely, **Response**

Come to those who are fearful, **Response**

Come to those who are sick, **Response**

Come to those who are poor, **Response**

Come to those who are grieving, **Response**

Come to those who have no faith, **Response**

Come to those who have no hope, **Response**

Come to those who have no love, **Response**

Come to the victims of violence, **Response**

Come to those in the grip of addictions, **Response**

Come to those in prison, **Response**

Come to us in our needs at Christmas, **Response**

Children's Prayer to St Nicholas

Dear St Nicholas, so kind and true,
on this special day, we turn to you.
With gifts and joy, you fill our hearts,
bless us now as this day starts.
Guide us with your gentle hand,
help us spread love across the land.
May we share and care each day,
in your spirit, we laugh and play.
Thank you, St Nicholas, up above,
for your kindness, grace, and love.
On this day, and all year through,
we celebrate the joy you bring, it's true. Amen.