



4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

Wishing all our parishioners a Happy & Peaceful Christmas



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 Niamh Casserly & d.f.m. Ann. Maisie & Paddy Carolan
CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: M.M. Assumpta McGuinnes, Ann. Christy & Lilly Gallagher

Thur – St. Stephen **Fri** – St. John, Apostle **Sat** – The Holy Innocents
Sun 29th – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

KILLALLON: Sun 10am:
CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Ann. Gerard, Christina & Patricia Sheridan



Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass in Clonmellon @ 8pm

Christmas Day - Killallon @ 10am & Clonmellon @ 11.30am
(an offering day)

Clustering of Parishes – A note from Bishop Deenihan (further details to follow):

Earlier this year, Bishop Deenihan met with priests and Pastoral Assembly members to discuss how parishes can work together, especially given the challenges of fewer priests and aging clergy. As a result, and after much collaboration, 14 groupings /clusters have been set up. See image for parishes in our cluster (Clonmellon, Delvin, Athboy, Kildalkey & Ballivor) It was agreed that parishes should begin collaborating within their groupings, focusing on support, faith development, and shared programs. This process will take time, but it's crucial for preparing for a future when not all parishes may have a resident priest. The Director of Faith Development, Elaine Campbell, will soon offer faith formation opportunities for parishes, many of which can be done in groups. Bishop Deenihan expressed gratitude for the work done in individual parishes and encouraged continued collaboration to retain parish identities and mission in a changing context, quoting Pope Saint John Paul: "every generation is a continent to be evangelized."



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 is 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 us in our needs at Christmas, **Response**

Fr. Samuel and I wish to thank the children of the parish (under the excellent guidance of the principal and teachers in our school) for their beautiful singing of the Christmas Carols. Their beautiful singing touched many hearts as they brought the good news of Christ's coming to us in the verses of "O Holy Night" and the familiar carols that move us to celebrate the Feast in our homes and churches. Many thanks also to their parents, brothers, and sisters. We pray that you will experience something of the peace and joy of the shepherds and the Magi they experienced as they knelt with Mary & Joseph in adoring the newborn Saviour of the world. Very happy Christmas to you and your families



Put a lighted candle(s) in the window of your home to remind you and your family that Jesus is welcome in your home this Christmas.