



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

Rosary Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am



**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am: Anniv. Sandra Poynton

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Thomas & Bridget Smith & 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Teresa McDonnell

**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** Tue – St Agnes Fri – St Francis de Sales Sat – Conversion of St Paul

**Week of prayer for Christian Unity (18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan)**

Daily resources are on <https://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/advent-resources>



**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am:

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Matty McCann, Anniv. Pat, Billy & Michael Fagan, Anniv. Josephine Kelly

**Ecumenical Service:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February in Castlepollard Catholic Church @5.00pm. Preacher – Bishop Martin Hayes (Kilmore)

**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:** 1248 hours of Adoration took place in the parish over 2024. This is a wonderful amount of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus is present in the consecrated Eucharist & spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is the same as spending time before the living God. If you can give an hour or any time at all, please join in this very special time every Monday 2 – 8pm in Clonmellon Church.

**Christmas Offering List** – Our very sincere thanks for your generous contributions to the Christmas Offering List.

The volunteers of the **St. Vincent de Paul** would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to our recent Christmas appeal. May your generosity be richly rewarded. Thank you.

If you are in need of assistance or wish to volunteer, please call 1800677777

On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, there will be a **Celebration of Sung Vespers** in the Cathedral in Mullingar with the religious, the priests, sisters and brothers of religious congregations in the diocese. The Church celebrates the contribution of religious life on the Feast of the Presentation. All are welcome.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Sunday 19-Saturday 25, with the theme of Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ. We pray for and support our local Catholic schools so that, together with us, the parish community, they will be alive with the joy and hope that is Christ. Jesus Christ calls us together as a living faith community so that our schools, parish and families may support and animate one another. Catholic schools are intrinsically connected with the local parish community, and each of these actively serves the other. It is important to acknowledge and celebrate the living connection that exists between school and parish during Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week provides an opportunity for both communities to pray for one another and with one another. Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive!" – Pope Francis

## Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage 22nd - 27th September 2025



Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome with Bishop Tom Deenihan. Highlights include Papal Audience, The Basilicas of St. Peter (Holy Door), St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, The Sistine Chapel & Vatican Museum, Day trip to Assisi, The Colosseum & Roman Forum, The Sancta Scala, Catacombs of San Sebastian. Pilgrims will be accommodated at the Pontifical Irish College with easy access to the city centre. Cost €1,399. Bookings and enquiries Mullingar Travel Tel: 044-9340587 Email: [connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie](mailto:connie.galligan@mullingartravel.ie)

### Points to Ponder- 'Do whatever he tells you.'

I love Mary's words here. She has no idea what Jesus is going to do, but she knows it will be OK. And this is not some great, earth-shatteringly important world event. It's a friend's wedding, and the caterers have messed up. This is ordinary, real life. And God is right there, being involved. This is about real things. God loves to hear us pray and wants us to bring our requests to him, however small. Mary brought to Jesus a small problem, and I love how he provided far more than required. This is our lavish, loving Lord. Mary could have asked for a specific result-that the guests would leave early, that a fresh supply of wine would be discovered behind some cloaks, that everyone would suddenly become teetotal. Instead, she left the choice of solution with Jesus, safe in the knowledge that he would sort it. So we don't need to beat ourselves up if we cannot in full faith pray for a miraculous healing. If God has put that on your heart then go for it and know that our mighty Lord is more than able. But if God has not put that on your heart, then do not feel that you are a disappointing failure for praying differently. Maybe that is not what God wants you to be asking. We cannot pretend before God. He would far rather have honest mustard-seed faith than cardboard cut-out mountain faith. It is good to pray with sure faith, is also good to pray in the darkness, when we do not know how to pray, when we can see no possible way through, we just know that through has to be got. In these times, we can pray with David, 'in you, Lord my God, I put my trust... Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.' (Ps 25:1,4-5)

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