



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

5<sup>th</sup> January 2025



*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

**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am: Anniv. Patrick, Kathleen & Noel O' Reilly

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Mary & PJ Lehane

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Epiphany** – Masses Clonmellon 11.30am Killallon 7.30pm – Anniv. Tommy Carrigy, William & Ellen Ryan  
**Tue** – St. Raymond of Penyafort

**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am:

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Paddy & Kate Garry & d.f.m.

**Maintenance Fund Draw for Dec 2024:**

€65 – Eileen Gavigan, Clonmellon

€35 Pat Halpin, Sheepstown & John Gavin, Killua

## **JUBILEE 2025 - 'Hope does not disappoint' (Rm 5:5)**

Pope Francis has declared the commencement of the Ordinary Jubilee Year, which will be a period of grace and hope for the entire Church. The Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter will open on 24 December 2024, marking the beginning of the Jubilee. The Holy Door at Saint John Lateran will open on 29 December 2024, and the doors at Saint Mary Major and Saint Paul Outside the Walls will follow on 1 January and 5 January 2025, respectively. These doors will close on 28 December 2025.

On 29 December 2024, diocesan bishops are instructed to celebrate Holy Mass in cathedrals and co-cathedrals as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. Pilgrimages from other churches to the cathedral will symbolize a journey of hope, with readings from official documents and announcements of the Jubilee Indulgence.

The Holy Year will conclude in local churches on 28 December 2025, and at the Basilica of Saint Peter on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Pope hopes that during this time, the light of Christian hope will spread worldwide, as a message of God's love and grace.

**Keep up to date** by browsing <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html> **or with** the dedicated app IUBILAEUM25.

Jubilee Year updates **are live on CatholicBishops.ie**

### **Points to Ponder**



A new year has begun. It is a time of new beginning. The gospel reading is itself a beginning, the opening verses of the gospel of John. 'In the beginning was the Word'. This Word was God's self-communication, a self-communication that was so complete and perfect that it was itself God, 'the Word was God'. This self-communication of God became human in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We celebrate the birth of Jesus because we recognize in this child the fullest possible self-communication of God. Jesus is the fullest Word that God could have spoken to us. We speak, we communicate, not just

by our words but by the way we relate, by the way we live and, even, by the way we die. God spoke to us through the life of Jesus, and through his death and resurrection. God has said everything he wants to say to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, his Word. God and his Son, together, have sent us the Holy Spirit to help us plumb the depths of all God has said to us through Jesus. As Jesus will later declare in this fourth gospel, the Holy Spirit 'will guide you into all the truth... he will take from what is mine and declare it to you'. The Holy Spirit enables us to keep hearing the Word that is Jesus in all its richness, to hear it as a word for us here and now. At the beginning of this new year, we invite the Spirit to open us up more fully to the truth of this Word that became flesh in the person of Jesus. - **Fr Martin Hogan**

### **Thought for the Day - New Year's Prayer**

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

