



Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 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. Leah Carolan, Anniv. Paddy Melligan

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Lilah Ryan, Anniv. Michael & Ann Plunkett, Anniv. Ita Mullally, Anniv. Joan Smith

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Mon – St. Blaise **Wed** – St. Agatha **Thur** – Ss Paul Miki & companions **Fri** – St. Mel, Longford
First Fri – Mass Killallon 8pm



KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am:

Rest in Peace:

Padraig Staunton & Brian Donovan

Communion Calls: **Tuesday** – Archerstown, Rathbrack, Herbertstown **Wednesday** – Delvin Road, Cloran, Killua

Maintenance Fund Draw: €65 – John Beggan, €35 Coleman Buckley & €35 Ann Leonard

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.

The Candlemas Offering List - Envelopes will be distributed to homes during the coming week, with the new Maintenance Fund Boxes, that begin on 1st Sunday of March. The recent storm Éowyn, caused damage to the roof in Killallon Church and the Parochial House roof. If you haven't been supporting the Maintenance Fund, please give your name to the parochial house and collect a box in the parochial house or give your name to Kathleen Reilly (Killallon) or Charlie Reilly (Clonmellon)

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

Points to Ponder- 'Presenting ourselves to God'

One tradition associated with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is Candlemas. This tradition involves the blessing and lighting of candles, symbolising Christ as the light of the world. The candles represent the presence of Christ, who illuminates our lives and dispels darkness. They remind us of the light that Jesus brings into the world, guiding us on our spiritual journey. The symbolism of light in this feast invites us to reflect on the role of Jesus as the light of the world and the impact He has on our lives. Just as a candle illuminates a dark room, Jesus brings clarity and understanding to our lives, guiding us on the path of righteousness. His light dispels the darkness of sin and ignorance, offering hope and salvation to all who believe in Him.

As we reflect on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, it is important to consider the personal and community implications of this significant event. Just as Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple, we are called to present ourselves to God, offering our lives and seeking purification.

Presenting ourselves to God means surrendering our will and desires to Him, just as Jesus was presented to the Father. It is an act of trust and obedience, acknowledging that God knows what is best for us. This act of presentation invites us to examine our lives and consider what we are willing to offer to God as an offering. Are we willing to present our talents, our time, and our resources to serve Him and others? Simeon and Anna play a significant role in the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, showcasing their unwavering faith and their ability to recognize Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. These two figures serve as powerful examples of wisdom and patience in the journey of faith. As we celebrate today's Feast let us reflect on the example of Simeon and Anna. May their faith and perseverance inspire us to seek wisdom and patience in our own journey of faith, trusting in God's promises and remaining steadfast in prayer. - www.young-catholics.com

Thought for the Day

The interior reality of each person is frequently concealed behind a great deal of 'foliage', which makes it difficult for us not only to understand ourselves, but even more to know others: "The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse, who can understand it?" (Jer 17:9) Mere appearances, dishonesty and deception harm and pervert the heart. Despite our every attempt to appear as something we are not, our heart is the ultimate judge, not of what we show or hide from others, but of who we truly are. It is the basis for any sound life project; nothing worthwhile can be undertaken apart from the heart. False appearances and untruths ultimately leave us empty-handed. - **Pope Francis, Dilexit Nos, On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ**