



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd 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:

CLONELLON: Sun 11.30am: M.M. Pat McGonagle M.M Maureen Sheerin, Anniv. D.F.M. Shaw family, Anniv. Elizabeth Flynn, Anniv. Eithne Plunkett

EAST DAYS THIS WEEK: Thur – St. Gregory of Narek Sat –St. David



KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Matty Ada & Mary Leavy

Sacraments: Confirmation Tue 25th March 3pm Clonmellon First Holy Communion Sun 11th May 11.30am Clonmellon
Baptisms – 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 11.00am in Clonmellon Church

Candlemas Offering List – our sincere thanks for your generous contributions.

M. Fund Draw – Sat. 1st March

Offerings can be made to the following A/C's - Clonmellon Church Maintenance Fund (box of envelopes) - IBAN. **IE40BOFI9031 97286027 91** and Priest Offering Envelopes - IBAN. **IE80 BOFI 9031 9777 1617 26**

Letter from Elaine Campbell, Director of Faith Development, Meath Diocese: I would like to inform you of 2 new Faith Formation initiatives that the Diocese would like to extend to parishes for delivery in Sept 2025. As I make my way around the Diocese, what has emerged from parish meetings is that adult faith formation is a priority. The 2 initiatives we would like to explore are: **Sycamore Adult Faith Formation Course:** Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. The Sycamore programme, gives people the space to meet others, think about the questions that matter, and explore their faith! And **Know, Love, and Live Your Faith, YouCat** 20-week Catechism Study Programme: The Diocese will hold two online information meetings for parishes to learn about these programmes. The purpose of which is to explain what each programme is about, what would be involved in delivering the programmes in your parish or grouping of parishes, and what training will be provided. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions. Details of online meetings are:

Sycamore Information Meeting: Thursday 27th February 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89755427408?pwd=HRHWHC2W9dE051jhrbu7tBuQo6yual.1>



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

Our natural tendency when attacked is self-protection and when we are attacked, we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another, or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experience of another way of acting?

When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return. Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity. Jesus himself, in word and deed, witnessed to that kind of generosity even when he met with ingratitude or opposition. It cost him his life because the mighty of the world would not tolerate it. Yet he was sustained by his belief that he was doing the Father's will. What convictions support you in your efforts to show compassion to others?
- John Byrne OSA Intercom February 2025

Prayers for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O dearest Comforter of the Troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. **Amen.**

Father, for the strength you have given me I thank you. For the health you have blessed me with, I thank you. For the women who are going through breast cancer and their families I ask you to strengthen and to heal as you see fit. Lord we know you want us to be in good health and to prosper. Lord use us to do the work you have for us to do. For we know time is getting short on this earth. Lord be with every woman who is sick and encourage them as only you can. I know how faithful you are. You have shown yourself to be everything you say you are in your Holy Word. I praise you for you made this body and you can heal this body. In Jesus Name I pray. **Amen**