



# 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

2<sup>nd</sup> March 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: Cirillo Corona

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Matty Ada & Mary Leavy

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

**Ash Wednesday** marks the Beginning of Lent 2025, a day of Fast & Abstinence. Blessing and distribution of Ashes at masses - Clonmellon 10am & Killallon 7.30pm

**First Friday** - Masses for the list of the dead – Mass Killallon 7.30pm

**Sat** – St. John of God



**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am:

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Patrick, Helen & Berna O' Reilly. Anniv. Larry & Betty Tully, Anniv. Darragh Farrelly

**Sacraments:** Confirmation Tue-25<sup>th</sup> March 3pm Clonmellon First Holy Communion Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am Clonmellon

**Baptisms** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays @ 11.00am in Clonmellon Church

**M. Fund Draw** – E65.00 J.J. Monaghan, E35.00 Kathleen Gallagher, Billy Clogher

**Clonmellon Market:** The Monthly Market Clonmellon, will be on 9<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00am to 1.30pm.P

**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

### **WILD GOOSE SEMINARS – An exploration of Faith and developing a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit**

Programme for parents and children of Confirmation & First Holy Communion, (Wild Goose Programme & The Gospel of St. Luke with Frances Hogan) as well as members of the P.P.A., Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar societies, Sacristans, Choirs & SVP begins **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 @ 8pm**

(Zoom Link to be distributed via school Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> March and will be available on parish website <https://clonmellonkillallonparish.ie/> also)

Through the sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit empowers God's people to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to live that message, and to continue Jesus's mission and ministry in the world. Just as the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry and transformed the fearful disciples at Pentecost, the Spirit equips every Christian for a life of service and witness. Many Catholics have come to realize that expectant faith is necessary to receive and experience the full power of the Holy Spirit that is available in confirmation. Indeed, God does not restrict the experience of the Holy Spirit's presence and power to the actual time of receiving this sacrament. Acts 10:47 testifies to this, and so does the experience of many confirmed Catholics who have been "baptized in the Holy Spirit" and have thus come to know the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in a new or fuller way. Nonetheless Catholic believe have witnessed that God desires to send the fullness of His Holy Spirit through confirmation, and that the manifestation and gifts of the Holy Spirit will be evident when this sacrament is approached with expectant faith and prayer.

### LENT 2025

In the readings today there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness, as we pray 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned'. There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. There is no substitute for them. 'Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing,' says St Peter Chrysologus.

No Masses for the dead, except funeral Masses, are permitted today (see Lit. Note 8) St Kieran, bishop is not celebrated this year.

### FORMS OF FRIDAY PENANCE

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

Abstaining from meat or some other food;

Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;

Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;

Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;

Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;

Making the Stations of the Cross;

Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;

Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely - *From the statement on Friday Penance issued by the Bishops' Conference, 2011*