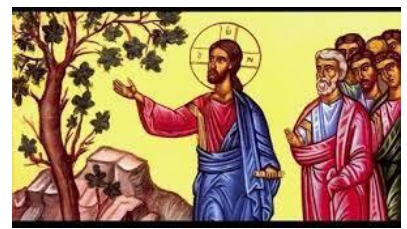




3rd Sunday of Lent

23rd 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

Confessions before and after Sunday masses

*****Please note – Masses from next Sunday 30th March will be by Summer time*****

Rest in Peace:

Michael Carroll, Delvin
Lil McCabe, Kilskyre



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: M.M. Kathleen Cuning, Anniv. Deceased members of Farmer family
CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Donal McGuinness, Anniv. Julia & Michael Carolan

Feast Days: **Tues** – The Annunciation of the Lord

Fri – Mass Killallon 7.30pm



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Anniv. William Leonard, Margaret & Christy Carr
CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Seamus & Fr. Pat Fitzsimons, Anniv. Elizabeth & Anthony Alvey & d.f.m

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

Adoration: Every Monday 2.30pm – 8.00pm

Samaritans: If you are feeling lonely, depressed, isolated ph: 116123 24hrs per day 365 days a year

SeniorLine is a confidential listening service for older people in Ireland, provided by trained older volunteers and open 365 days a year from 10am to 10pm. It offers a freefone number, 1800 804 591, for those who wish to talk about their problems or seek companionship.



During Lent we prepare to celebrate the Death & Resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

We suggest you take on one or more of the following practices:

- Stations of the Cross
- The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
- Scripture

Parish Lenten Programme “Coming Together to Pray Together” continues Wed 26th March 7.30 – 8pm in Clonmellon Church & every Wed of Lent – **Everyone welcome**

Jubilee Youth Day Rome 2025 - consider joining young people from around the world in Rome this summer (28 Jul – 3Aug). Over 18's cost €750 – for more information see notice boards

WILD GOOSE SEMINARS Programme for parents and children of **Confirmation & First Holy Communion**, continues this **Mon 24th March 2025 @ 8pm**

(Link to be distributed via school and will be available on parish website <https://clonmellonkillallonparish.ie/>)

Killallon Drama Group present **Princess Whatsername** in Killallon Community Hall Thurs 27th March to Sat 29th March @8pm & Matinee Sat 29th & Sun 30th March @ 2.30pm. Adm Adults €15, Children / students €10

Daffodil Day 2025 Clonmellon Tea Party – Go all in against cancer with us Fri 28th March

Join us in Clonmellon Hall from 12 – 4pm on Friday 28th March in aid of The Irish Cancer Society.



Prayer to Jesus Christ Crucified

My good and dear Jesus, I kneel before you, asking you most earnestly to engrave upon my heart a deep and lively faith, hope, and charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm resolve to make amends. As I reflect upon your five wounds, and dwell upon them with deep compassion and grief, I recall, good Jesus, the words the prophet David spoke long ago concerning yourself: "They have pierced my hands and my feet; they have counted all my bones!" **Amen.**

POINTS TO PONDER

Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words 'Repent or you will perish' remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile: 'The un-examined life is not worth living.' The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life.

Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked 'Weren't we supposed to preach today?' Francis replied, 'Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behavior was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever as we walk!' He summed up his idea in these words 'Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words.' To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.