



5th Sunday of Lent

30th 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



'What marvels the Lord worked for us.' We all need forgiveness. As we approach Easter we see more clearly what Jesus Christ has done for us in his death and rising. He has brought the sum of God's forgiving mercy and love into our lives. Like water into a dry and parched land his mercy flows in abundance



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Anniv. Michael & Kitty Murphy & d.f.m.

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. David Smith, Anniv. Harriet McCann, Anniv. John & Kathleen Carr

Mon - St. John Baptist De La Salle Fri – Stanislaus & **Mass Killallon 7.30pm**



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: M.M. John Reilly, Anniv. d.f.m Clinton Family, Anniv. Tom Briody, Ciara Briody-Treadwell.

Fr. Hugh Briody, Rita Briody & d.f.m.

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. d.f.m. Gavigan Family

Sacraments: 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.

Maintenance Fund Draw: €65 Barry Clarke €35 Irene Togher and €35 Richard Shaw



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 9th April 7.30 – 8pm in Clonmellon Church & every Wed of Lent – **Everyone welcome**

WILD GOOSE SEMINARS Programme for parents and children of **Confirmation & First Holy Communion** concludes this

Mon 7th April 2025 @ 8-9pm (Link to be distributed via school and will be available on parish website clonmellonkillallonparish.ie/)

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 - Drop the stones!

Imagine that there on the parvis of St Peter's Basilica, Jesus is teaching the people, when several scribes and Pharisees arrive, dragging before him a woman caught in adultery. That woman is thus placed between Jesus and the crowd (cf. v. 3), between the mercy of the Son of God and the violence and anger of her accusers. In fact, they did not come to the Teacher to ask his opinion—they were bad people—but to ensnare him. Indeed, were Jesus to follow the stringent law, approving that the woman be stoned, he would lose his reputation of meekness and goodness which so fascinated the people; however, were he to be merciful, he would be flouting the law, which he himself said he did not wish to abolish but fulfil (cf. Mt 5:17). This is the situation Jesus is placed in. How much good it does for us to be aware that we too are sinners! When we speak ill of others—something we know well—how much good it will do us to have the courage to drop down the stones we have to throw at others, and to think a little about our own sins!

Dear brothers and sisters, that woman represents all of us. We are sinners, meaning adulterers before God, betrayers of his fidelity. Her experience represents God's will for each of us: not our condemnation but our salvation through Jesus. He is the grace which saves from sin and from death. On the ground, in the dust of which every human being is made (Gen 2:7), he wrote God's sentence: 'I want not that you die but that you live'. God does not nail us to our sin, he does not identify us by the evil we have committed. We have a name, and God does not identify this name with the sin we have committed. He wants to free us and wants that we want it together with him too. He wants us to be free to convert from evil to good, and this is possible - it is possible! with his grace. – **Intercom April 2025**

POPE FRANCIS REFLECTING FROM THE HOSPITAL "The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches... They have witnessed more sincere kisses than those in airports... In hospitals, a homophobe is saved by a gay doctor, a privileged doctor saves a beggar, a Jew cares for a racist, a police officer and a prisoner share a room, receiving the same care. A wealthy patient waits for a transplant from a poor donor... Here, wounds are touched, and worlds intersect by divine design. In these moments, we realize—alone, we are nothing. Truth reveals itself in pain and the face of irreversible loss. Hospitals strip away masks, showing people in their purest essence. Life is fleeting—don't waste it on fights, selfcriticism, or excessive worries. Hug your loved ones. Don't obsess over perfection—it doesn't exist. We are not meant to be fulfilled here but to learn. So, embrace this trial of life—now. Respect yourself, respect others, walk your own path. Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely... And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

— **Pope Francis**