



Third Sunday of Easter

Monday to Friday Clonmellon 9.35am followed by Mass @ 10am



KILLALLON: Sun 10am

CLONMELLON: Sun 11:30am: Anniv. Jack Sheerin. Anniv. Alacoque Dalton, Anniv. Noel Leonard, Anniv. Kevin Carolan, Anniv. Jack Breen.



Mon - Blessed Edmund Rice

Thur - Bl Pierre Claverie & Companions (Martyrs of Algeria)



KILLALLON Sun 10am 1st Anniv Donie Geraghty & d.f.m.

Clonmellon 11.30am - First Holy Communion

Rest in Peace:

Maureen James, England
late Newtown, Clonmellon

Trocaire Boxes will be taken in today (Please change coins into notes)

Our sincere thanks for your very generous contributions to Easter Offering List

Sacraments: **First Holy Communion** Sun 11th May 11.30am Clonmellon/ Baptism 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 11am in Clonmellon
Cemetery Devotions: Sun June 1st Killallon 7pm, Archerstown 8pm Sun. June 8th Clonarny, 7pm Clonmellon 8pm

March for Life 2025 organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes place Monday 5th May in Dublin at 2pm (**Meeting Point St Stephens Green**). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies. (For more info including buses travelling to Dublin see www.marchforlife.ie)

Next Sunday - Vocations Sunday - Collection at all Masses in the Diocese for students studying for the priesthood for our Diocese
Join Accord - Catholic Marriage Care Service providing relationship and Family Support for over 60 years. Contact marriage preparing @ Accord.ie

Summer Concert in Kells (See Notice boards)

M. Fund Draw: €65 Jody Davis, €35 Seamus Reilly & €35 Mrs. McCarthy

Prayer for the Conclave:

Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the cardinals. May they listen attentively to the promptings of that same Holy Spirit during the conclave. Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding the church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Lord, protect and guide your church during this time of transition. We pray in thanksgiving for our late Holy Father Francis, may he rest in the peace of Christ. May the Church experience a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that we may follow closely and be transformed by His love. Amen

Knock visionary remembered

Archbishop Eamon Martin prays at the grave of John Curry during his visit to the USA in March. John Curry at five years old was the youngest of the visionaries of the apparitions at Knock in August 1879. He emigrated to the US and lived out his final years with the Little Sisters of the Poor and was originally buried at Pine Lawn Cemetery, Long Island without a headstone. His remains were reinterred in the old St Patrick's Cathedral in New York in 2017. In a letter to Fr Dan Corcoran, Curate of Knock Parish in 1936 seven years before his death, John wrote, 'The night of 21 August 1879, I remember it as well as I do last night', and goes on to describe in detail the Apparition as he witnessed it.



At the second Commission of Enquiry John was interviewed by a special tribunal which was established in New York. During the lengthy interview he described seeing Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist, along with a Lamb and Cross on an altar with Angels: 'It appeared to me that they [the figures] were alive, but they didn't speak. One of the women there, Bridget French, kissed the Blessed Virgin's feet and tried to put her arms around the feet but there was nothing there but the picture. I saw her do that. The figures were life-size, and I will remember them till I go to my grave.'



How beautiful is the month of May

Thanks be to God! In this season, too, of the Resurrection of the Lord and of His victory over death and sin, we continue to sing 'Alleluia' at every possible opportunity, for Christ is risen indeed. How can we make this more known - how do we reach people so desperately in need of this truth, who have not the remotest perception that they have been loved into existence, and that this love is the meaning of their lives? How do we bring people to Jesus, who leads us into the abyss of the Blessed Trinity?

This month of the year is, above all others, the month of Our Lady, and it happens also that Vocations Sunday falls during this month. It does not require an exaggerated stretch of the imagination to make a connection between vocation and the Mother of God, since she herself unconditionally embraced the vocation to which

she was invited, by the Lord. Moreover, she is very personally and intimately a mother to us - to you - desiring nothing but the best for us, for our happiness and fulfilment in this life and, after death, our eternal beatitude. And so, we can turn to her, and ask her to help us discover what it is that the Lord has in His heart for us, too. Through Mary, then, we have the answer - she it is who can best show us the way.