



# The Ascension of our Lord

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

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER"



**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am: Anniv. Kathleen O'Reilly

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Nicholas & Ella Rose Duffy & d.f.m., Anniv. Mary, Ann & Willie Dalton & Kate Fagan, M.M. Michael Brady

**Feast Days: Mon:** Sts Marcellinus & Peter Martyrs

**Thur:** St. Boniface (World Environment Day)



**KILLALLON:** Sun 10am: Anniv. Margaret & Peter Cooke & Mary Toner

**CLONMELLON:** Sun 11.30am: Anniv. James & Mary Reilly, Anniv. Sheila Connell

**Rest in Peace:**

Lilly Sheerin, Rathbrack

**Communion Calls:** **Tuesday** – Archerstown, Rathbrack **Wednesday** – Delvin Road, Cloran, Killua

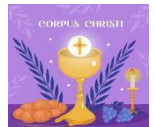
**Adoration:** Every Monday 2.30pm – 8pm Clonmellon Church **Baptism:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 11am in Clonmellon

**Cemetery Devotions:** Sun June 1<sup>st</sup> Killallon 7pm, Archerstown 8pm & Sun. June 8<sup>th</sup> Clonarney 7pm, Clonmellon 8pm – please tend to the graves if you can.

**A Fore Deanery Jubilee Year** celebration is at **Fore Abbey on Sun 15<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm** outside the Abbey ruin. Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards, Evening Prayer in Fore Parish Church, followed by refreshments

**Meath Diocesan 2025 Pilgrimage to Lourdes 9-14Sept.** Led by Bishop Deenihan. **See Notice Boards & Joe Walsh Tours, tel: 01-2410800 or [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie).**

**Invitation to the parish to participate in our Corpus Christi celebrations 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025** After Mass at 11.30am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, we plan on having our Corpus Christi procession and would like everyone, young and old from every townland in our parish to be part of the celebration this year. **More details to follow...**



## POINTS TO PONDER:

This Sunday, as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we are confronted with the fact that bodies matter. Scripture is clear that Jesus returns not as a ghost but as a physical human person. When he ascends into heaven, he does so not in some idealized form, but with all his particularities, with wounds in his hands and whip marks on his back. But also, with scars on his fingertips from cutting himself with a chisel while helping his father at work. Chicken pox scars. Callouses on his feet from the hundreds of miles he walked. Maybe he had weird tan lines or a broken toe that never healed correctly. This body is taken to heaven to rejoin God.

The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that Jesus is not the toned, beautiful white man we see in much of our art. Jesus was wounded, hurt, and scarred. His body told the story of his life from his birth in a manger until his death on the cross. And this wounded body was holy enough to enter heaven. Likewise, our bodies are holy too – not despite our disabilities, imperfections, and scars, but because of them. This Sunday, I hope you take delight in your body. In how it has supported you, how it serves as a map of your past and of your future. Bodies more than matter – they are how the kingdom of God is revealed. - **Emily Sanna [uscatholic.org](http://uscatholic.org)**

**IRISH BISHOPS CALL FOR PRAYER & FASTING FOR GAZA** Irish Bishops Irish Bishops meeting last week offered prayers for peace in the Holy Land, for Ukraine, Sudan and in other troubled parts of the world. In particular, bishops discussed the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, stating: "From all over Ireland, parishioners are reporting their horror and helplessness on seeing images of death and communal destruction in Gaza. Exhausted mothers can no longer nourish their young, children are dying of malnutrition, while aid lorries full of supplies are being refused entry into the territory or are not safely arriving at their destination. "We in Ireland must pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of June – the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – we call on everyone to pray for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world. "To see the relentless bombardment of civilian areas, the deliberate withholding of food from the starving, as well as the callous holding of hostages, it appears that humanity has lost its heart. In the face of these horrors, we invite everyone to turn to the heart of Jesus throughout the month of June by praying for the renewal of heart that our world so desperately needs. We call on all Catholics to make the **first Friday, 6 June**, a day of prayer and fasting in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are suffering at this time in the Holy Land. "We echo Pope Leo XIV's recent appeal to allow into Gaza 'the entry of dignified humanitarian aid and to put an end to the hostilities, whose heartbreaking price is paid by the children, elderly, and the sick.'"

**PRAYER BEFORE EXAMINATIONS** Loving God, be with me now as I prepare for my exams. Thank you for the many talents, gifts and the opportunity of education you have given me. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions to the best of my ability. Holy Spirit, be with me in my exams – and always. Amen. 'Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' (Philippians 4:6)



On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council and the entire parish community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Garland as he begins his well-deserved retirement. We thank him sincerely for his dedicated service and the many years of faithful ministry both within our parish and beyond. We wish him a peaceful and joyful retirement. We also warmly welcome Fr. McMahon to our parish and look forward to journeying together in faith, community, and service.



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