



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



How do you pray or what is your recipe for prayer? Do you follow a certain procedure, or you spontaneously pray to God what is in your heart? In the gospel for this Sunday Jesus is asked by a disciple: Lord teach us to pray, and Jesus obliged him and taught the disciple the perfect prayer which is the Our Father. If we try to deeply reflect on this prayer, we would notice that the Our Father contains our Adoration for God, our Contrition/Repentance for the sins that we have committed and our Supplication: we request God to give us the food that we need. If we say this prayer with our hearts and minds deeply focused towards God we would feel something that we don't usually feel. This feeling is very hard to explain but we would certainly notice this healing experience the moment we learn how to pray the Our Father with all our being. We must always be prayerful, and we must not give up on our being prayerful. Because when we pray, we connect ourselves with God, we open ourselves to the enormous blessings that are always at God's disposal when we pray. Prayer is not asking God to give us this and that. Prayer is essentially satisfying our longing for God. And the God that we always long for will grant us the desires of our hearts because we always thirst and hunger to be with Him in prayer. Do you have a prayer before God? Don't give up, continue to believe, have faith and you will soon have it. - **Marino J. Dasmariñas Intercom July 25**



KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: 1st Anniv. Michael Hetherton

Feast Days: Sun 27th World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly **Tue:** Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Maisie Henry & d.f.m. Archerstown

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am:

Adoration: Every Monday 2.30pm – 8pm Clonmellon Church

Collections: Thank you for your generosity.

	<u>Plate Collection</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Shrine</u>	<u>Donations for the Hungry</u>
Sun. 20th July	€655	€780	€80	€115

Reminder re **Knock Trip 19th August** there are a few remaining places for anyone still interested.

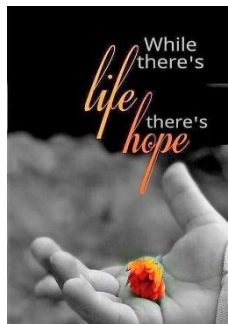
Ladies All Ireland Football Final 3rd Aug. (Meath v Dublin) – happy to bring a bus load if there is sufficient interest. ~Please give your name and contact details (as well as number in your group) latest Tues 29th August. Anyone under 18 must have an accompanying adult. **€5.00 charge. Under 12 FREE.** Those travelling please purchase your own match ticket yourselves.

Game starts 4.15pm so bus will leave latest 2pm on Sun 3rd August

Re Saturday Vigil Mass: Thank you for your response. Seems Sat. 7pm is the most favoured as well as taking into consideration Mass times in surrounding parishes.

Suggested change of time for Baptism to Sunday 12.30pm Clonmellon (1st & 3rd Sundays as before)

We have initiated process with Church Services for **Webcam facility** – will keep you posted!



POINTS TO PONDER: Prayer does not guarantee an outcome, undo the past, or offer an escape from life or the circumstances of our lives. It keeps us open to the future. And the future is always better, not because it necessarily will be, but because it might be (Caputo). That possibility, the 'might be' of the future, is our daily bread, why we forgive, and why we refuse to turn away. Some mornings that 'might be' is the only reason we have the will to get out of bed; because it might be different, it might be better, it might offer something new. The 'might be' of the future is at the heart of every prayer we offer. Where there is a future, whether it is an hour, a day, a month, or twenty years, there is the possibility of life and more life. That's what Jesus is promising in today's gospel. And it's what I want, don't you? I want the possibility of life and more life for you, and myself. Jesus is not teaching a technique of prayer or a magic formula of words. He's teaching prayer as a posture, a way of standing before God, exposed and responsive to a holy and life-giving Spirit (Caputo, What Would Jesus Deconstruct? p.55). It is a risky and vulnerable place to stand. It asks a lot of us.

It means you and I have a role in bringing about the future. It means we have work to do. The prayer Jesus taught asks us to offer ourselves as the place and means for the in-breaking of the future, for change, for life and more life.

- **Michael K. Marsh interruptingthesilence.com Intercom July 2025**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Grandparents hold our hands for just a while, but our hearts forever.

