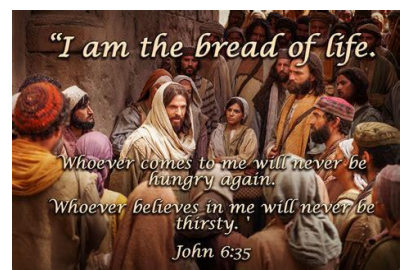




18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Today's gospel reflects the essence of Cistercian life, highlighting how spiritual figures like Saint Anthony, St. Francis, and St. Benedict chose lives of penance and simplicity despite not needing to. Their decisions to reject wealth and privilege in favour of a humble life resonate with the values many of us hold. Central to this vocation is the desire to connect with the Creator, which surpasses the pursuit of material goods and worldly power. This commitment requires ongoing daily conversion, a continual process of renewal and resilience in the face of setbacks. While tangible achievements, like a full bank account, are easily recognized, spiritual growth is more challenging and often feels elusive. Experiencing failure and feelings of inadequacy is part of the human journey, yet these experiences contribute to our spiritual development and our place in God's Kingdom



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Maisie Henry & d.f.m. Archerstown
CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am:

Feast Days: Wed - Transfiguration of the Lord



KILLALLON: Sun 10am:
CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Christy Dolan & d.f.m.

Adoration: Every Monday 2.30pm – 8pm Clonmellon Church

Baptism: 1st & 3rd Sundays 12.30pm Clonmellon

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	€500	€505	€65	€295

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass (7pm) will begin on the weekend August 30th / 31st

Webcam facility: Due to be installed over the days to come. Hopefully positive outcome for next weekend.

Mass Cards and various Mass Bouquets (Get Well, Birthday, Thank You, Pray for You) now available in Parish House. Donation offering at your own discretion.

Trip to Knock Tue. August 26th departing Clonmellon 9.30am, Bus is full.

Two young girls from our parish are hosting a **Bake Sale** after our Masses on Sunday 17th August in Killallon & Clonmellon Churches. This fundraiser is for the Youth Group travelling on the Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. – Please support if you can.

REFLECTION: Three Lessons from the parable of the Rich Fool



Life is More Than Possessions: While it's not wrong to have wealth or possessions, it becomes problematic when they become the centre of our lives. Jesus warns against all kinds of greed. Our lives do not consist of the abundance of our possessions but in the depth of our relationships, our character, and most importantly, our relationship with God.

The Uncertainty of Tomorrow: The rich man's plans revolved around his assumption of many years ahead. Yet, none of us truly knows how much time we have left. While it's wise to plan for the future, it's equally wise to live in the present, with gratitude, generosity, and an awareness of life's fragility.

True Wealth is in Relationship with God: The parable ends with a poignant question: What value are our earthly treasures if we're not rich towards God? Material wealth can be fleeting, but a rich relationship with God is eternal. It's the kind of wealth that feeds the soul, brings genuine joy, and has eternal significance.

Application: Today, let's ask ourselves: What treasures are we storing up? Are our barns filled only with earthly possessions or with acts of kindness, love, and faithfulness? Are we living for today without a thought of eternity? Are we rich in material wealth but bankrupt in our relationship with God?

Conclusion: Beloved, let us remember that life is short and unpredictable. Our true value isn't determined by the amount in our bank accounts or the size of our barns, but by the richness of our souls and our relationship with God- **Harrison McCaffrey**
dailysermons.medium.com

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

It is health that is the real wealth, and not pieces of gold and silver. - **Mahatma Gandhi**

