



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Most of us don't like to be taken too much by surprise. We like to think that we have a good idea of what is coming down the road and when it is coming. Yet, we know from experience that the unexpected does happen. It is that experience of the unexpected that features in the parables Jesus speaks in this morning's gospel reading. The burglar breaks through the wall of a house at an hour nobody expects; the master arrives home at a time when his irresponsible servant is not expecting him. Jesus indicates that there can be the element of the unexpected in his relationship with us and ours with him. The Son of Man comes at an hour we do not expect. We may be inclined to relate that to the hour of our death; sudden and unexpected death is certainly a reality. However, more may be being referred to than that. The Son of Man comes to us in the course of our lives; his daily coming in the midst of life can also be unexpected. The Lord may call us to do something we had never thought about; he may take us down a path we might never have gone down if left to ourselves. The Lord can come to us through unexpected people; through people we would never think of as the Lord's messengers. The gospel reading suggests that when it comes to the Lord, we can expect the unexpected. He is always the God of surprises and that requires us to be alert and attentive to his many unexpected comings. - **Fr Martin Hogan**



KILLALLON: Sun 10am:

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

Feast Days: Fri – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



KILLALLON: Sun 10am: Anniv. Tom & Monica Ryan

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Kitty McGonagle

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	€640	€610	€100	€125

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

Webcam facility: Is to be installed this coming week so hopefully up and running before 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. Anyone who can't travel, can you please inform me as we have some on a waiting list. Thank you.

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.

POINTS TO PONDER: C.S. Lewis said once that the way to become a Christian is to act like one. If we consciously try to act



like a Christian, one day we will wake up and find that we are. One aspect of being a Christian that we might never equate with following Jesus is hospitality. But if we look at the Scriptures, we find that the ministry of hospitality is mentioned quite often.

I recently went back to the seminary where I was educated, and I was reminded about the importance of hospitality. The seminary is owned by the Benedictines. If one knows anything about the rule of St Benedict, then you know that hospitality was very important to Benedict.

Benedict said once that we are to welcome everyone who comes to our door as if they were Christ. At Benedictine monasteries one of the most important positions is that of guest master. The guest master greets visitors and makes sure that they have a place to stay and that their needs are cared for. If the person cannot pay, they stay for free. Why? Because they are an embodiment of Christ. We are reminded this Sunday that Jesus comes to our door as a visitor often. Do we recognise him, and do we show him hospitality? This is an important part of being a disciple.

Reflection Questions:

1. Who was the last person that came to my door? How did I treat that person?
2. Have I been treated well when I went to the door of a stranger? How did that make me feel? - **Fr Mark DeSutter**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

'To be hospitable we have to get out of ourselves and become interested in the other.' (Gula)

Often our lack of hospitality is simply the failure to notice and acknowledge others and their needs – the needs of the larger world and the needs of those closest to us. Jesus models that attentiveness. He noticed the sick, the excluded, the hungry, those that others passed by. God continues to be attentive. As we contemplate the ministry of Jesus, we are called to heighten our awareness of others so that we can carry on the ministry of Jesus. - **Gerald M. Fagin SJ**