



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Knock

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



The Gospel does, at times, cause trouble. It can set a soul on fire with love for God and fellow man, and that soul then understands through wise spiritual counselling, the mission it has been given by the Lord to continue His work here on earth. The saints all experienced this fire, this blaze of mystical love and desire for God that not only consumed them, but – by their witness – those around them, too. Jesus tells us in St Luke's Gospel that He wants to inspire a mystical fire – a blaze of faith, love, and action, and yet, He knows this will cause division; Jesus is exclaiming that His peace is not the peace of the world. The peace and love that Jesus offers to us is often at odds with the frauds, shams, and counterfeits of this world: the politics, economics, and religious expressions that do not lift people up in love, unity of purpose, and individual liberty, but tear them apart, in anger, stress, and confusion. Today's Gospel challenges us to know that like Jesus, Jeremiah, and the saints we must expect misunderstanding, ill treatment, and possibly even death when we glorify God by living a Gospel centered life. Our faith provides us with the grace and love of God. Yet, the Cross refines our perspective to see that God's love is a purifying fire of salvation and covenant that demands that His people not compromise with the world, or declare a bogus truce with evil. So, when you stand before society proclaiming your faith – do not be afraid. - **Deacon Paul O Iacono** fraangelicoinstitute.com



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

CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am: Anniv. Kitty McGonagle



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CLONMELLON: Sun 11.30am:

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>Charity Box</u>
Sun. 20th July	€545	€1185	€65	€130

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

Trip to Knock Tue. August 26th Bus departing Clonmellon 9.30am. Anyone who can't travel, can you please inform me as we have some on a waiting list. Thank you.

Altar Servers Trip to Funtasia Water Park Fri 22nd Aug in Drogheda and with all is water slides fun is guaranteed, food in KFC afterwards. Extra seats available to friends of altar servers or pupils of last years 5th & 6th class. Please hand in names of those interested into the Sacristy after mass or drop note to parish house or email by Monday lunchtime (Altar Servers go free, all others €10 fee). Bus leaves 12 o'clock – return to Clonmellon 5pm

St. Oliver Plunkett (1625 – 81): a life, a death, a legacy – Historical Talk by Fr. Tommy O'Connor MUI @7.30pm Thurs 21st Aug. 2025 in Fore Abbey Coffee Shop, Fore N91 TN92 (Refreshments served)

Holy Year (Jubilee) 2025 Year of Hope - The parishes of Fore Deanery (9) celebrate 2 ceremonies in Fore on Sunday 31st August 2025



- Fore Abbey (Liturgy of the word, Homily, Adoration, Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament) **4pm**
- St. Feichins Church (Parish Church) Fore Village (Vespers, Evening Prayer - Monks of Silverstream Benedictine Monastery) **5pm**
– Light refreshments in the coffee shop afterwards

Two young girls from our parish are hosting a **Bake Sale** after our Masses today 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: The Christian must not be lukewarm. The Book of Revelation tells us that this is the greatest danger for a Christian: not that he or she may say 'no,' but that they may say a very lukewarm 'yes.' Lukewarmness is, as the late Pope Benedict emphasised, what discredits Christianity most. Therefore, it is one of the biggest problems facing the Catholic Church as a whole and therefore every Catholic diocese and every Catholic parish including our own. We need to confront it straight on. The greatest way of all God has established to inflame us is at Mass. Whoever draws near Christ draws near the fire, Origen said in the third century. If that's true, then all the more Christ says to us, 'Whoever receives me, receives the fire.' Whenever we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we ingest Fire. Christ has come to ignite that fire and how he wants each of us to become truly enkindled! St Catherine of Siena used to say in the 1300s, 'If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze!'



Mass is the place where Christ helps us to become who we should be. As we prepare to receive him today, we beg the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us now to pray for us that we may be enveloped by fire, always burn with love to the glory of God, and bring that flame of faith out to warm others hearts and fill our parish and the whole world with the fire of God's amazing love.

- **Fr Roger J. Landry**