

Parish of Killavullen & Annakisha

Sixth Week of Easter (May 26 - June 1)

Sixth Sunday of Easter: 1st **Reading:** The early Church began to baptize non-Jews around the year 50AD. They were asked to observe some Jewish customs. 2nd **Reading:** Jesus is the Lamb whose sacrifice made a new covenant. **Gospel:** The risen Jesus would no longer be with his disciples in body, instead his Spirit would be our "Advocate" to plead our cause before God.

A children's activity sheet based on today's Gospel is available from the Usher as you come to church.

Mass and other events this Week

Saturday Vigil Killavullen: 7.00pm

Confessions are celebrated from 6.30pm, prior to the Vigil Mass.

Sunday: Annakisha: 10.00am

Killavullen: 11.30am

Monday to Thursday Killavullen 9.00am

No Mass on Friday.

An hour of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Thursdays at 7.30pm.

May they rest in God's embrace: Jim Flynn (Monanimy); Thomas & Julia Walsh; Ted Coleman (Annakisha); Trevor Larkin (Slumber Hill); Tom Cannon.

Last weekend's collections. Thank you for your generosity.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€295	€355
Bishops' Conference	Combined	€405

The second collection this weekend (May 25/26) is the biannual collection for the Sacristans at Killavullen and Annakisha churches. Our sacristans are not only present to have everything ready for each liturgy, they also open and close our churches each day and help to keep them clean. This collection is an opportunity to express our gratitude.

Buildings Update: Work is underway at Annakisha to repair the roundels in the windows that are openable. This will improve the ventilation of the building during summer months. This week we welcome Christopher Canavan to Killavullen CES scheme. Christopher will contribute some hours each week to the maintenance of our church grounds.

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Entrance:

A new hymn of praise
Let us sing to the Lord. Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Ransom for sin his life he gave. R./
Bringing him gifts of bread and wine
We receive back his life divine. R./

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where e'er I go.
Christ around, above below.
Christ my life and only way.
Christ my lantern night & day,
Christ be my unchanging friend.

Guide and shepherd to the end.

Young Christian Workers: A meeting takes place this Saturday (May 25) in Killavullen Church meeting room following the 7.00pm Mass. A special Mass for all those preparing to sit their Junior and Leaving Cert. exams will take place next Saturday, June 1, at 7.00pm. All second level students are welcome to the planning meeting as well as the Mass. A concert "Anthems from Annakisha" is being planned for October 4. New members welcome.

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Killavullen Pioneers Association: A meeting of those who practice abstinence from alcohol, for the sake of their faith, will take place at the Nano Nagle Centre on Tuesday, May 28 at 8.00pm. New members welcome.

Seeing your life through the lens of today's Gospel:

- 1. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them, he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?
- 2. Remember times of separation from a loved one, through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?
- 3. To his followers, Jesus promises: 'we will come and make our home with them.' Our God is not a distant God, but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?
- 4. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.' When you have been anxious, who have been the 'Jesus-people' for you, who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety? (J. Byrne OSA)

Spreagadh: "Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win."

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