



PARISH OF KILLAVULLEN AND ANNAKISHA

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Council for Finance and Maintenance **Parish Policy on Church Gate Collections**

Charities and voluntary groups depend on the generosity of the public to support their good work. These groups have traditionally organised street collections to coincide with Sunday Mass times.

Sunday Mass is the weekly gathering of the Catholic parish to worship as a community of faith. “Church gate collections” are **not** related to the central purpose for which people gather.

The attendance at Sunday Mass is no longer a general assembly of the local community. Street collections at Mass-times are an inequitable imposition on the minority of the people who come to Mass, while the majority is not available to contribute.

We ask that voluntary groups and charities observe the following points when holding an authorized street collection at Annakisha or Killavullen churches:

1. The Parish Priest is to be notified in advance of any proposed collection as a matter of courtesy.
2. Notices advertising the collection **should not** be attached to church gates walls or railings.
3. No more than two persons are to engage in collecting at each point.
4. All collectors must carry with them a copy of their Garda permit.
5. All collections are to be taken up as exit collections, that is, after the celebration of Mass.
6. Collections are to be made **well away from** the gateways to churchyards, to ensure that, while Mass-goers are given the opportunity to contribute, they do not feel under pressure to do so.
 - a. At Annakisha the collection point should be located **in the middle of the car-park.**
 - b. At Killavullen the collection points at the side-gates should be on the footpath **at the opposite side of the road.** The collection point outside the front gate should **allow the free exit of cars** and pedestrians.

We thank all community and voluntary groups for observing these guidelines.

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