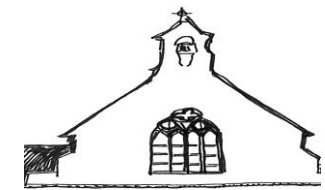


Parish of Killavullen & Annakisha

Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time (July 21-28)

19.27



Sixteenth Sunday: 1st Reading: Abram gives hospitality to three guests. He and Sarah are blessed for their kindness. **2nd Reading:** The presence of God is at work, even in suffering. **Gospel:** Jesus used to stay with Mary, Martha and Lazarus at their home in Bethany, when travelling to Jerusalem. Today's Gospel shows how honest the sisters and their friend were with each other!

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 Friday Killavullen 9.30am

Holy Hour: Thursday at 7.30pm

May they rest in God's embrace: Anniversaries: Jerry Roche (Month's Mind); Nora O'Brien (Dromdeer); Eddie Griffin; Jacinta Magner; John Mullane. *Recent death:* Tim Murphy (Ballygown)

Last weekend's collections. *Míle buíochas.*

	<i>Annakisha</i>	<i>Killavullen</i>
Weekly Offering	€215	€555
Buildings Fund	Combined	€1,125

The Summer (Petrol) collection can be returned in the envelope included with the annual family box, or by the special envelopes at church doors.

Killavullen Parish Pilgrimage to Glenstal on August 15: Booking forms are available at both churches, the Parish Office or from Kathleen Hanley (086-1556360) We have provided the option of travelling by coach from Killavullen and Annakisha churches, or by car. Includes, guided tour, dinner and Mass for the Feast of the Assumption with the Monastic Community. A deposit of €10 secures your place(s). For more details visit the notices section of the parish website and www.glenstal.org

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Annakisha Gable Wall: Work began this week on the inside portion of the gable wall behind the altar. In 2018 repairs to the parapet of this wall and to the adjoining sacristy roof have greatly reduced rainfall based water ingress to this part of the church. Now we can address the unsightly effects of the dampness: decayed plasterwork and peeling (oil-based) paint. All loose plaster and paint is being stripped away in preparation for a lime-based mortar that will allow the wall to emit its moisture content without cracking. The wall and reredos will be painted later this Summer. Thank you for your financial contributions which enable us to complete this maintenance work. Registered parishioners who donate more than €250 annually can allow the parish to claim a tax rebate from Revenue: it is this scheme in particular that is funding the work at Annakisha. Forms to register with the parish are available at Church doorways and can be returned to the boxes inside church doorways.

Killavullen Stained Glass: A photographic progress report on work to the stained glass has been posted in the parish website.

Summer Schedule: We thank Fr. Dick Hegarty and Fr. Sean Cotter for leading Masses over the coming weeks.

Seeing your life through the lens of today's Gospel (John Byrne OSA)

1. The two sisters symbolize the contemplative and active dimensions of life, at times difficult to balance. What wisdom have you learned on how to strike a balance between prayer and action?
2. Many people misunderstand hospitality. They worry and fret about decorating the house and preparing abundant food. Yet sometimes it is something else that is needed to make people feel at home; namely, to sit with guests and to listen to them. When have you been able to make others feel welcome and at home?
3. We can make the same mistake in relation to people who are important to us: children, friends, parents, or others. We can worry and fret about doing things for them when perhaps the important thing is to give them time and listen to them. What does your experience tell you?
4. When it comes to welcoming God into our lives, one appropriate response is to spend time listening to God's word. When have you found time devoted to the word of God enriching for you?

Bon Mot: *A person isn't poor if they can still laugh.*