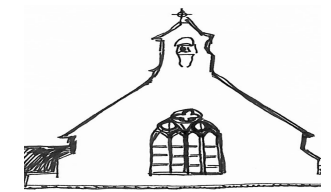


Parish of Killavullen & Annakisha

Second Week of Advent (December 8-14, 2019)

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Second Sunday of Advent: The Gospel introduces us to John the Baptist who wanted to “prepare a way for the Lord” by calling people to repent (*metanoia*). John was true to his preaching, whereas the other leaders of that time (Pharisees and Sadducees) were not. John predicted a new coming (*advent*) of God’s kingdom. Writing seven centuries earlier, Isaiah (**1st Reading**) predicted the birth of a child who would bring about that kingdom. As Christians, we confess Jesus Christ as the fulfilment of the promise of John and Isaiah (**2nd Reading**).

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

At the 11.30am Mass, after the opening prayer, children aged 5-9 are invited to the Meeting Room (behind the gallery) for a child-friendly Liturgy of the Word.

Monday – Thursday

Killavullen 9.00am

No Mass on Friday

Thursday Holy Hour at Killavullen Church 7.30pm

May they rest in God’s embrace: Derry Blake (Carrig; Month’s Mind); Tommie Dorgan (Monanimy); Paddy Lankford (Killavullen); Dan and Mary Daly (Kilcanway); Michael Kenneally (Slumber Hill); Margaret, James and John Power (Commane). **Recent Death:** Bridget Griffin (Wallstown)

Last weekend’s collection. Thank you for your generosity.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offerings	€170	€775
Diocesan Purposes	<i>Combined</i>	€355

The second collection today will be for the **parish buildings fund**. The painting of Annakisha Church is underway. A revised contract drawn up this week with Don O’Connor, painters, will see all the internal walls being refurbished with *Keim* mineral paint. *Volunteers will be sought following the 10.00am Mass to assist with moving the furniture.*

Bon Mot: No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Entrance Hymn –

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Recessional:

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Parish Registration: The parish can claim taxes paid on all donations from registered households when they total more than €250 annually. The tax rebate scheme of Revenue benefits the Parish Buildings Fund that allows us to maintain and improve our beautiful churches. I encourage all parishioners and those who worship at Annakisha and Killavullen Churches to register your membership of our faith community, so that we can claim the taxes paid on your donations. Registration forms for 2020 are available at Church doors. (Fr. Gerard)

Advent at Glenstal Abbey: *Here is the Lord: Come out to meet Him.* A series of Sunday afternoon talks is taking place at Glenstal Abbey Library on Sunday afternoons this Advent (December 8 & 15) at 4.30pm. Speakers: Dr Jessie Rogers, Luke Macnamara OSB, Cuthbert Brennan OSB

Nano Nagle Birthplace: A day of “Meditation and Relaxation” will take place next Saturday (November 14) from 10.30 – 3.30pm; Led by Sr. Eileen Nash IBVM. Booking essential: 022-26411.

Killavullen St. Vincent de Paul: The Christmas appeal of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place after Masses this weekend.

www.catholicbishops.ie/advent-calendar: is an online interactive calendar for each day of Advent, with a prayer, a photo and an audio clip.

Killavullen Art Group: The 2020 calendar and arts review is now available from O’Regan’s Shop or Killavullen Church Sacristy. €8. Proceeds for tiling of Nano Nagle Porch at Killavullen Church.

“Are you looking forward to Christmas?” I asked for the sake of conversation. “Looking forward ... looking forward ... looking forward,” she replied with increasing decibels each time. “I’m burnt out from the whole thing without ever having been on fire about it.” If you don’t take hold of the real message for yourself, then others will make sure that what they want the season to be will grab you, and never let go.” Alan Hillard, *Dipping into Advent*.