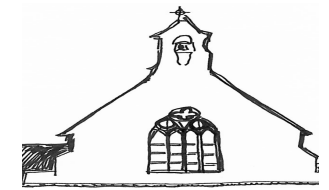


# Parish of Killavullen & Annakisha

## Third Week of Advent (December 15-21, 2019)

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**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday):** Today we live in joyful hope of the coming of our Saviour. Even the natural world, deep in its winter slumber, anticipates a new dawn (1<sup>st</sup> Reading). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading reminds us of the need to be patient and not to lose heart. Be like a farmer who waits for the crops to ripen. In the **Gospel** Jesus praises John the Baptist for his strength of character.

### 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, December 19 - An Advent Holy Hour with a homily by Fr. Éamon Roche CC Fermoy will take place in Killavullen Church at 7.30pm. The hour will include the opportunity for Confession.**

**May they rest in God's embrace:** Mary O'Callaghan (Barrett's Terrace); Des Cassidy; Kathleen Owens (Fiddane) **Month's Mind:** Hannah Griffin (Skenakilla) **Recent Death:** Margaret Buckley (Annakisha)

#### **Last weekend's collection. Thank you for your generosity.**

	Annakisha	Killavullen
<b>Weekly Offerings</b>	€185	€660
<b>Building Fund (Monthly)</b>	<i>Combined</i>	€2,600

**Painting at Annakisha:** A word of thanks to the strongmen of Annakisha who moved the seats and furniture in preparation for the painters. Thanks also to the YCW group who cleaned the Stations of the Cross last Saturday. The painting of the church will continue into the coming week.

**Killavullen Art Group:** The 2020 calendar and arts review is now available from O'Regan's Shop or Killavullen Church Sacristy. €8.

#### 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.

**Ideally, the Rite of Holy Communion:** Is a joyful procession to the Table of the Lord. At Killavullen Sunday Masses (7.00pm and 11.30am) one minister of the Eucharist will go to the Gallery; the other two will remain in front of the altar. Please form two lines in the center aisle for and return to your seat via the side aisles. Those unable to join the procession will have communion brought to them, ideally in the front seats of the church.

**Young Christian Workers:** A meeting will take place following 11.30 Mass this Sunday (December 15); a pre-Christmas visit to the patients of Fairyhill Nursing Home will take place. Young adults welcome.

**Parish Finance and Maintenance Council:** A meeting will take place on December 16 at 7.30pm to review parish finances and maintenance issues. Your suggestions are welcome to members: Julia Sheahan; James Mellerick; Tom O'Keeffe; Nora Moroney; Fr. Gerard. Please register with the parish if you have not already done so. By becoming a registered parishioner, the parish can claim back the taxes you have paid to Revenue if they total more than €250 annually. This scheme allowed us to undertake refurbishment works in both churches this year.

**Parish Choir:** The choir will meet for pre-Christmas practices this Monday night (December 16) at 8.00pm in Killavullen and next Monday (December 23) at 8.00pm in Annakisha.

**Christmas Eve Mass** will be celebrated at 7.00pm in Killavullen and at 8.30pm in Annakisha. There will be **Christmas Day Masses** at 10.00am in Annakisha and 11.30am in Killavullen.

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

**Bon Mot:** *Better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.*