



Parish of Killavullen & Annakisha

19.45

Fourth Week of Advent / Christmas (December 22-28, 2019)



Fourth Sunday of Advent: 1st Reading: The king of Israel (Ahaz) asks God for a sign of his power. Isaiah speaks the prophecy of the Saviour would be born of a maiden. **2nd Reading:** It is through Jesus that we receive God's grace and peace. The **Gospel of Matthew** sees the birth of Jesus as fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah.

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, December 23 Killavullen 9.00am
Sacrament of Confession: Killavullen 7.30pm

Christmas Eve, December 24 Killavullen 7.00pm
 Annakisha 8.30pm

Christmas Day, December 25 Annakisha 10.00am
 Killavullen 11.30am

St. Stephen's Day, December 26 Killavullen 9.00am
Please note that the Thursday Holy Hour will not take place this week.

There will be no Mass on Friday, December 27.

May they rest in God's embrace: Denis and Patrick O'Connor (Ballincurrig); Eugene Whelan; the deceased members of Killavullen GAA club; Patrick Linehan (Ballydaheen); Eddie Magner, John and Julia Magner (Ballymacmoy).

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

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offerings	€275	€695

Christmas Offerings: for the support of your priest, can be returned at this time. Thank you.

Bon Mot: Faith is seeing light with your heart,
 when all your eyes see is darkness.

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.

The Mass is celebrated at the Table of the Word (the Ambo) and of the Lord (the Altar) - If you are seated at the back of the church, please consider coming forward to fill the empty seats nearer the front, so that you can be physically closer to the celebration.

Parish Choir: The choir will meet for a pre-Christmas practice this Monday night (December 23) at 8.00pm in Annakisha.

Killavullen Art Group: The 2020 calendar and arts review is now available from O'Regan's Shop or Killavullen Church Sacristy. €8. The proceeds will be used to tile the Nano Nagle Porch in Killavullen Church, including a specially designed motif for Venerable Nano.

2020 Parish Offerings: Our thanks to those who are distributing envelopes for 2020 in the twelve station areas of the parish. The boxes sequence the collections for each Sunday of the coming year and also include envelopes for the monthly parish buildings fund collection and offerings for the priest.

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light" - Isaiah

- Recall times when you have 'walked in darkness'. What was it like? What helped you to keep going? Was there a turning point, when darkness turned to light?
- A birth is always a joy! Think back to the joy of your own parents when you yourself arrived in the world. Use this very natural human happiness to come close to the happiness of today's feast.
- Endless peace sounds great, but, as we know, peace is always 'under construction', always fragile, always in need of support. Where have you experienced peace? What about your own commitment to be a peacemaker, a bearer of peace to others? (Kieran J O'Mahoney OSA)

Bon Mot: Your beliefs don't make you a better person,
 your behaviour does.