



Parish of Killavullen & Annakisha

First Week of Ordinary Time (January 12, 2020)

20.1



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. **1st Reading:** Isaiah, writing 700 years before Christ, wrote of the Messiah being a “suffering servant” who would bring people to God by his humility, care for the vulnerable and fidelity to “true justice”. **2nd Reading:** The Baptism of Jesus was a moment of revelation to all the nations: God has no favourites. **Gospel:** Jesus did not require baptism, but wanted to show his solidarity with sinful humanity by accepting John’s baptism of repentance. In him, we too are God’s beloved children.

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

Thursday Holy Hour

Killavullen 7.30pm

No Mass on Friday

May they rest in God’s embrace: Anniversaries: Mattie Dorgan (Monanimy); Fr. John Linehan; Michael Drinan (Glenagear);

Recent collections. Thank you for your generosity.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offerings 30.12.19	€300	€595.
Weekly Offerings 5.1.20	€160	€840
Diocesan Purposes (Jan.)	Combined	€380

Parish Building Fund: The second collection today will be the monthly collection for this fund. Your contribution will pay for the recent painting work at Annakisha and for the planned refurbishment of the sacristy/meeting room window at Killavullen over the coming weeks. Thank you.

Bon Mot: *Giving blesses the giver as well as the receiver.*

Entrance Hymn –

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood
part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered, Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.

Recessional:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto
you. Allelu, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

Lighthouse-Witnesses Parish Programme: We are looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop William Crean on February 19. The 77 candidates will be assisted by a group of 16 parents with meetings scheduled for January 20/21; January 27/28 and February 3 / 4 at Ballygown and Killavullen schools. Training sessions for the adults will take place this week on January 13 or 14 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

New Rotas for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist will be introduced from February. Please consider these or other opportunities (e.g., as choir-member, usher, cleaner, floral decorator) for serving your Christian community. The registration forms at church entrances can be completed and returned to volunteer for a role in the parish.

Registration Envelopes: Our thanks to all who assisted with the distribution of envelope-boxes. Please contact Fr. Gerard if you have yet to receive yours.

Killavullen Pioneers: A meeting of the local association will take place at the Nano Nagle Centre on Tuesday, January 14 at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Lens of the Gospel (John Byrne osa)

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase.
2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which shaped your sense of who you are?
3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, one on whom rests the grace of God?
4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?