



## Parish of Killavullen & Annakisha

### Fourth Week of Ordinary Time (February 2 - 8, 2020)

20.4



**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.** Today we celebrate an event in the early life of Jesus. In fulfilment of the Jewish custom, Mary and Joseph bring the child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, to present their firstborn to the Lord. One of the temple officials, Simeon, see in the child the long-awaited Messiah. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** The coming of the Messiah will be a game-changer in human history. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** God became one-with-us in his Son, so that we could know the fullness of redemption. **Gospel:** Christian tradition has drawn on a phrase from the Song of Simeon ("a light to the nations") to bless the candles that will be used in the Church and in homes over the coming year. This ritual will take place at the beginning of Mass

### 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 greeting, children aged 5-9 are invited to the Meeting Room for a child-friendly Liturgy of the Word.*

**Monday to Wednesday** Killavullen 9.00am

Thursday Holy Hour Killavullen 7.30pm

*No Mass on Thursday*

**Friday, February 7** Killavullen 7.30pm

**May they rest in God's embrace: Anniversaries:** Kevin Lenihan (Wallstown); Norris Family (Castlekevin).

### Recent collections. Thank you for your generosity.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
<b>Weekly Offerings 12.1.20</b>	€265	€770

**Second Collection:** Today's second collection will be the monthly collection for Diocesan Purposes.

**Spring Stations:** Please contact Fr. Gerard if you would like to host the Station Mass for your area.

**On next Sunday, February 9 at 3.00pm:** the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take celebrated in Killavullen Church, to coincide with the upcoming Feastday of Our Lady of Lourdes.

### 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:

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,  
with cords that cannot be broken; bind us  
together, Lord, bind us together, bind us  
together with love. There is only one God,  
there is only one King, there is only one  
Body - that is why we sing:*

**Lighthouse-Witnesses Confirmation Preparation:** Continues this week (Mon., Feb. 3 at Ballygown; Tue., Feb. 4 at Killavullen at 7.30pm) with the topic "Being a Christian". The candidates will reflect on the service that they can give to God, the Church, their family and community now that they are growing up. At Confirmation we are gifted the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom, understanding, right judgment; courage; knowledge, reverence; wonder and awe in God's presence). If we make use of the gifts, others will notice that we possess the fruits of a Spirit-filled life: Love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

**New Rotas** for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist will be available from next weekend. A commissioning ceremony will be held at Masses and a short meeting of Readers and Ministers will take place after Masses (February 8 and 9).

**Pre-Baptism Meeting:** The next meeting for parents preparing for a baptism in their family will be held in the Parish Office, Ballygriffin on Monday, February 10 at 7.30pm.

**Young Christian Workers** group: will meet fortnightly from mid-February to enquire into gospel and social issues from a see-judge-act perspective. The group is for young adults aged 16+. Info: Fr. Gerard.

**Killavullen GAA** is organising an Operation Transformation walk on each Saturday of February at 3.00pm. Meeting at the GAA pitch, the group will walk the beautiful pathways of Nano Nagle for 3 or 5 km. Everyone needs to wear a high-vis vest and primary school children must be supervised by an adult. Queries: Helen Cagney 085 7041674.

**Bon Mot:** Anois teacht an Earraigh Now spring is here  
beidh an lá dúl chun shíneadh, The days are lengthening  
Is tar eis na féile Bríde After St. Bridget's Day  
ardóigh mé mo sheol. Let your sail unfurl.

- Antaine Ó Reachtabhra (1784-1835)