



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Easter Week (April 12-18, 2020)

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Easter Sunday. We are an Easter people and “Alleluia” is our song. As Christians we take our cue from the fact that Jesus rose to new life. Though the Covid-19 crisis fills our lives with fear for our health and the future of the economy, we can still focus on what is positive: the beauty of nature as it wakes from its winter sleep, the way that the country has mobilized to fight the virus.

We are also learning the value of slowing down, staying local and living more simply. In doing so we can make more time for prayer and reflection on what is important in life. My hope is that, when this crisis is over, there will be a renewed appreciation for the role of the Church in the lives of Christians and the importance of gathering together as a community of faith.

Wishing you every blessing for your health and the hope that the resurrection promises, Fr. Gerard

At this time of the Covid-19 pandemic Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Masses are live-streamed from larger churches around the country, especially at, www.churchservices.tv including, St. Mary’s Church, Mallow <https://www.churchservices.tv/mallow>

Killavullen Church is open for personal visits during daylight hours. The **parish office** at Ballygriffin is open. Contact details are printed in the footer below. **This newsletter**, together with other ideas for prayer and spirituality are emailed to parishioners each week. If you know of someone who would like to be added to the email database please let me know at: parishofkillavullen@gmail.com

Mass is celebrated privately each day in the parish office or one of the parish’s churches. Your intentions are united with my own in a spiritual communion with the risen Christ.

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May they rest in God’s embrace: Conor Harnett (Knocknacappul), who passed away last weekend; Joe Luddy, Eddie O’Shea and Norma Walsh whose anniversaries are at this time.

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Easter Message from Bishop William Crean

A Cháirde, dear friends in Christ,

None of us are untouched by the threat of the deadly invisible virus that lurks among us. We are naturally fearful and on our guard. The extraordinary level of co-operation and generosity of so many in the face of this threat is truly inspirational. It lifts our hearts to witness such kindness and concern for the most vulnerable. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are evident all ‘round us and we are grateful beyond words.

Holy Week has been marked. We have recalled the Passion of Jesus who, though innocent, loved unto death for our sake. He, through his saving death sowed the seed of life so that henceforth our lives are “rich in immortality” (Preface of Mass for the Dead).

Tried and tested we may be but we are an Easter people. In the Risen Jesus, the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the light of hope burns brightly for us. It lifts our hearts and lights our way so that we can see clearly “the hope that His call holds for us” (Eph. 1:18).

My friends, hold steadfast to the Lord in prayer and in life. May our sense of solidarity and mutual support in these testing times be a source of encouragement and resilience.

As a symbol of that light of hope that is ours as disciples, I invite you to light an Easter Candle when you gather to share your table for food and for prayer. Invite the children to light that Easter Candle as we seek to pass on to a new generation the torch of Easter Light.

Wishing you the blessings of Easter Joy and Peace.

+ William, Bishop of Cloyne

Cork County Council is working with a range of statutory and voluntary organisations including An Garda Síochána, the HSE, the IFA and An Post to ensure that the needs of older and vulnerable people are met across the towns, villages and communities of County Cork during this COVID-19 crisis. The Council’s Community Support Programme is available and ready to help you or someone you know - whether that is by collecting medication, collecting groceries, providing social support or advice, or simply by making a friendly phone call. To access this support, Cork County Council has established a dedicated FREE contact number 1800 805 819 with lines open from 8.00am to 8.00PM seven days a week. You can also email covidsupport@corkcoco.ie or text (085) 8709010.