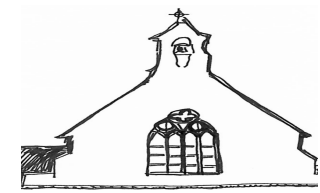


# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Seventh Week of Easter (May 24-30, 2020)

20.20



### Ascension Sunday

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:* The “earlier work” is the Gospel of Luke... Here Luke describes the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, forty days after his resurrection. The angels tell the disciples not to have their heads in the clouds – but to return go the work of building God’s kingdom.

*Second Reading:* The risen Jesus ascended into heaven - he has brought all of creation into God’s presence. May we be enlightened to see God’s work in Christ.

*Gospel:* The clear reference to the Trinity in today’s Gospel is unique in the New Testament. The writer of the Gospel was affirming the nature of Jesus as fully God and fully human. As one of us, he shares in all our experience; as God he has the power to save. May we know that he is always with us, until the end of time.

**May they rest in God’s embrace:** *Anniversaries:* Trevor Larkin (Slumber Hill); Tom Cannon (Carrigacunna); Ted Coleman; Paddy and Julia Walsh (Clenor); Jim Flynn (Monanimy) *Recent Deaths:* John Buckley (Mallow, late of Ballygriffin)

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**Church Reopening:** Both Annakisha and Killavullen Churches are open during daytime hours for private visits. Group gatherings are expected to begin from mid-July. Please observe best hygiene practices before and after visiting the churches and their grounds and keep two metres physical distance from anyone you happen to meet.

The **parish office** at Ballygriffin is open. **Mass is celebrated** privately each day at the parish office or one of the parish’s churches and includes your intentions. **This newsletter**, together with other reflections are emailed to parishioners each week. Contact [parishofkillavullen@gmail.com](mailto:parishofkillavullen@gmail.com) to be included on the mailing list.

**At this time** Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass. Masses are live-streamed from larger parishes especially at, [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) including, St. Mary’s Church, Mallow <https://www.churchservices.tv/mallow>

**Bon Mot:** Do something for somebody everyday,  
for which you do not get paid.

**Cork County Council** is coordinating COVID19 responses in our area. If you have any need in relation to the crisis freephone: 1800 805 819 or email [covidsupport@corkcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@corkcoco.ie) or text (085) 8709010.

**Accord, the Catholic Marriage Support agency**, has set up a relationships support phone-line. To speak to someone in confidence call: 01-5313331 or 01-9059555. See also: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**2020 Trocaire Lenten Campaign:** The proceeds of the Lenten campaign can be returned directly to Trocaire at this time. Your donation can be made using the envelope that came with the fast-box, by post to Trocaire, Maynooth, County Kildare; or online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or by phone to 1850 408 408. The contents of each Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference in helping the poorest peoples of the world.

**Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal**, is hosting a number of online retreat days in these weeks including this Sunday, May 24 and next Wednesday, May, 27. Go to: [www.loughderg.live](http://www.loughderg.live) Timetable:

- 10:45am Welcome *from the Prior, Msgr La Flynn*
- 11:05am *Reflection on the Good Samaritan*, led by Mary
- 11:30am Prayer of Intercession *with Rosary*
- 12 noon Angelus *followed by* Way of the Cross
- 1:45pm Jesus the Healer *with Deacon Martin*
- 2:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:40pm Closing Prayer

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**The Gospel for this Sunday** tells us that the disciples worshipped the risen Jesus, but they also doubted. Doubt is part of religious faith as much as it is the faith placed in any relationship. Trust is built up slowly; it requires spending time with the other person, sharing their values, doing their work and taking the risk that a person means it when they say, “I am with you always”. With Jesus, that guarantee comes from God, who is beyond all time. May our faith in God’s eternal love for us increase. Our trust in Jesus will grow if we join in his mission of sharing the Good News. Even the smallest deeds matter. Take some minutes to think of the doable actions that will build on the faith you have as a disciple of Jesus over the coming days. Have a great week, Fr. Gerard.