



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Tenth Week in Ordinary Time (June 7-14, 2020)

20.22



Trinity Sunday *1st Reading:* The classic image of God: on the mountain in the cloud, with a communication that can seem cold and unbending, that is, written in stone. The onus is on humanity to do God's will.

2nd Reading: One of the few times in the New Testament when there is a direct reference to the Trinity. The doctrine would not be fully teased out until the Fourth Century. The Holy Spirit is the bringer of "fellowship". The quality of our communion with one another is improved when we recognise the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: God so loved the world that he sent us the image of himself in his son Jesus so that all might believe and be saved.

May they rest in God's embrace: *Anniversaries:* Larry Luddy; Hannah Leahy (Carrig). *Recent Passing:* Abina Hayes (Ballygown)

Covid-19: Killavullen Church is open this week during daytime hours for private visits. Please observe best hygiene practices 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 and includes your intentions. This newsletter, together with other reflections and links are forwarded each weekend by email. Contact parishofkillavullen@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list. We hope to reopen our churches to public gatherings in July. Please return donations (weekly offerings, parish buildings and dues) at that time, or, in the meantime, to the parish office. Thank you for your patience and generosity.

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

Annakisha Church Lighting: New light fittings will be installed in Annakisha Church this week. The new Nexia LED lights use 80% less electricity than the existing fitting, some of which are no longer functional. The new lights are similar in design to the ones installed last year in Killavullen and will be attached to the walls above the apex of the window reveals. The removal of the existing pendant lights and as well as the previous-generation spotlights will open up the view of magnificent ceiling at Annakisha. The new lights will also highlight the Reredos and Tabernacle and better focus on the three principal fixtures of the sanctuary used during Mass: the Chair, the Altar and the Ambo.

Killavullen Area Community Employment Scheme: The position for a CE worker to maintain Annakisha Church Grounds will become vacant in July. The vacancy is for work-seekers in receipt of social welfare payments. It is for 20-hours per week and includes excellent training opportunities. Please contact Fr. Condon or Hilary O'Kelly (022-46675) for further details.

Roublev's famous icon of the Trinity has been widely imitated, including in the version printed here, which is the emblem of the association of religious education advisers to post-primary schools. This one was "written" (icons are "written" not "painted") at Glencairn Abbey in the early 2000s. The icon is based on the story of the visit of the three angels to Abraham and Sarah in Genesis 18. Christians saw in it a sign of their belief in the Trinity. The version below simplifies the original, in the way that Religious Education makes the faith accessible. The angels carry walking staffs of equal length and are inclined to each other in a respectful manner to show their equality. The circular shape indicates their oneness. Yet, Father, Son and Spirit are distinct. God the Father's divinity, symbolized by blue, is cloaked in red (the colour of love). The Son's outer cloak (blue) shows that he is the revelation of God. Green, the colour of nature in growth, shows the Holy Spirit's role as the "giver of life". There is a place reserved for us at the table.

