



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time (June 21-28, 2020)

20.24



12th Sunday: Today the Church resumes the celebration of the “ordinary” Sundays of the year. Between this Sunday and the end of November there is a continuous reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew, on where the disciples of Jesus can find God’s Kingdom.

1st Reading: It is not easy to commit to the Lord ... opponents will be many. But, “the Lord is at my side”.

Psalms 68: The Lord listens to the prayer of “God-seeking hearts”.

2nd Reading: Jesus is the New Adam who has healed humanity’s broken relationship with God.

Gospel: Matthew’s Gospel was written during the persecution of the first Christians: they took heart from their times of prayer together and felt strengthened by the Lord’s presence. God knows us so well and cares for us. We are invited to “declare ourselves” as disciples of Jesus.

May they rest in God’s embrace: *Anniversary:* Michael Hartnett (Ballybawn); Margaret Ryall (Annakisha)

Covid-19: Both Churches are open during daytime hours for private visits. Please observe best hygiene practices and keep two metres distance from anyone you meet. The parish office at Ballygriffin is open. Mass is celebrated privately each day and includes your intentions. This newsletter, together with reflections and links are forwarded by email each weekend. Contact parishofkillavullen@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list. **Masses are live-streamed from** larger parishes, including Mallow at, www.churchservices.tv

Annakisha Church Lighting: The former light fittings at Annakisha Church are for sale. Please contact Fr. Gerard for details.

A new window for the Sacristy / Meeting Room at Killavullen Church is nearing completion in the workshop of Mr. Sean O’Keeffe, Doneraile. Made from antique pitch-pine timber it will revert to the traditional sash opening of the pre-1995 church. Clear glazing will open a view to the Nagle Mountains from upstairs. Thank you for your generosity to the parish collections allows this work to be undertaken.

Killavullen Area Community Employment Scheme: The position for a CE worker to maintain Annakisha Church Grounds will become vacant in July. Please contact Fr. Condon or Hilary O’Kelly (022-46675) for information.

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Reopening for Public Masses from June 29. The government has brought forward the reopening of Churches for public worship to Monday, June 29. The Council of Priests for Cloyne met this week to review the advice of the Bishops’ Conference to ensure the safety of all who visit our churches

- Anyone who is unwell, especially those showing symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and participate in Church life through the radio, TV and the social media. The same applies to anyone who has been in recent contact with someone who has had the virus. The Sunday obligation to attend Mass continues to be suspended.
- The doors of the Church (including the Nano Nagle porch at Killavullen) will be left open at Mass-times. Sanitize your hands on entering the church and, on Sundays, take a missalette. Your Weekly Offering and any other donations can be placed in one of the bowls available near Church doorways on entering or leaving the Church. These will be supervised by an usher. Please observe respiratory etiquette when visiting our churches.
- Physical Distancing: please stay 2 metres away from others, except your family members. Make greater use of our front seats!
- Our churches are cleaned regularly by volunteers and sacristans. Those parts in human contact (door handles, microphones, shrine candles, etc.) are sanitized after Mass.
- Communion: The celebrant alone will distribute Holy Communion for the time being. He will sanitize his hands regularly and wear a face-covering. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion should approach the altar through the centre aisle and return to their seats via the sides while maintaining 2m distancing. Communion is to be received on the hand.
- A return to public worship, however gradual, is a sign of hope for our parish. Mass will not be the same while the threat remains. There will be no choir (apart from a cantor) or altar-servers or formal Entrance Procession. The Offertory Procession is suspended as is the Sign of Peace. Arriving to church early and leaving a few minutes afterwards will help avoid gathering around the doors.
- Baptisms and Marriages are permitted with small attendances. Funerals are limited to the Funeral Mass, with less than 25 persons.