



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

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## Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time (October 11-17, 2020)



### **Twenty-Eighth Sunday:**

*Isaiah:* While suffering in exile in Babylon that Isaiah imagined time of salvation and plenty around the table. It was because he dared to dream, that the people of Israel eventually won their freedom.

*Psalms 22:* God shepherds us, especially in times of doubt and fear.

*Philippians.:* Give glory to God for the higher power of grace at work in us.

*Matthew 22:1-14:* Everyone is invited to the Messianic banquet, an image for the plenty and communion of God's Kingdom. The "chief priests and elders of the people" let prejudice and preoccupation with rules get in the way of accepting their places at the Table of the Lord. Are we, too, just going to look at the invite on the mantlepiece? One of the guests was not wearing a wedding garment. Every gift received is also a responsibility. The bother of getting dressed and prepared is off-putting. Still, it would be foolish to miss out on such an exciting feast.

**Level III Restrictions** do not permit communal indoor gatherings, including Mass. The government will review this measure on October 27. Mass will continue to be celebrated privately for your intentions, especially for our safe deliverance from Covid19. Our churches remain open for private visits. Please sanitize your hands on entering and exiting. public worship. Thank you.

### **Last weekend's collections.**

	Annakisha	Killavullen
<b>Weekly Offerings</b> Including annual collection for the Vatican (Peter's Pence)	€340	€490

Donations to the Weekly Offerings; the Parish Buildings' Fund and the Autumn Offerings can be made open at the parish office. Thank you.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Members of the Council are ready to visit neighbours who feel isolated or need practical assistance in this time of the pandemic. Please enquire with the parish office if you would like us to make contact.

**Seanfhocal:** *Níor dhúin Dia doras riamh nár oscail Sé ceann eile.*

**The new Level III restrictions** are a painful yet necessary measure to control the spread of the virus. None of us have access to the gold standard medical treatment that President Trump recently enjoyed should we contract the virus! But I wonder if it was necessary to impose such a complete lockdown on group worship? It seems unfair that a person can get a haircut or a pedicure, but not be allowed join a small group of their neighbours for prayer. We have done a good job at adapting our churches to the risks posed by the pandemic, be it maintaining physical distancing, taking hygiene measures and adapting the celebration of the Mass. Our regulars church-goers are probably among the most compliant citizens in the country and the safest people to meet. It's a pity that our government does not recognise the value the local church plays in a person's wellbeing. (GC)

**May they rest in God's embrace:** *Anniversaries:* John Hartnett (O'Neill Place); Meg Walsh (Cloughoula)

**Killavullen Young Christian Workers,** An outdoors meeting will take place this Sunday, early afternoon. For young adults aged TY and over. Contact Rose Murphy, Kieran Roche, Seán Murphy or the parish office to take part

### **Vacancies with Killavullen Area Community Employment Scheme**

1. Annakisha Church. Groundsperson /General Worker
  2. Nano Nagle Birthplace - Job Title: Horticultural/General Worker
- Both positions are 19.5 hours per week. Applicants must be in receipt of a social welfare payment for 1 year or more To apply: Contact C.E. Supervisor at 022-46675 or 087 652 4312

**"Many are called, but few are chosen."** Are you considering following Christ more closely as a priest, or in the consecrated life? Speak to your local priest, or email the National Vocations Office on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie) for the diocesan priesthood, or see [www.vocationsireland.com](http://www.vocationsireland.com) for vocations to the religious orders.

**Bon Mot:** The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The realist adjusts the sails.