



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

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Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (October 18-24, 2020)



Twenty-Ninth Sunday:

1st Reading: Isaiah's take on the First Commandment: there is only one God, all-powerful the source of all creation. Yet God has "conferred a title" on Israel has called each of us by name.

Psalms 95: God is worthy of our praise. Sunday is a day for setting down our tools and contemplating God's glory.

2nd Reading: Paul thanksgiving for the people of Thessalonika. It is often the faith we see in others that underpins our own faith.

Gospel: John 17:11, 17-23: Today's Gospel is specially chosen for *Mission Sunday*, the Church's annual appeal for missionaries. It comes from the "priestly prayer" of Jesus: on the night before he died, Jesus prayed for his disciples and those who "through their words would come to believe" in him. The Gospel is really good news for those who have not heard it: the work of missionaries, including hundreds of Irish missionaries, continues to make visible the healing and hope that Jesus brought to the world. Jesus prays for a world united in the common cause of truth and love: "may they be one".

To read more about the work of Irish missionaries and to make a donation visit www.wmi.ie/mission

Last weekend's collections. Mile buíochas

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Buildings' Fund (October)	<i>combined</i>	€960

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

Fallen asleep in the Lord: *In this week:* Josephine Mullally (née Walsh) (Beenaskehly and Kilkenny) *Anniversaries:* Willie-John Roche (Killavullen); Seamus McCarthy (Clenor). *Month's Mind:* Jim Thornhill

Parish Pastoral Council: Members of the Council are ready to call on a neighbour who feels isolated or needs practical assistance in this time of the pandemic. Please enquire with the parish office if you would like us to make contact by telephone in the first instance.

Nath cainte: *Dia idir sinn agus an t-olc.* (God between us and all harm)

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As we have been placed under Level 3 covid restrictions, all public Masses and indoor Church gatherings have been suspended. (An exception is made for weddings and funerals, where the attendance is limited to 25) The government will review this measure on October 27.

Our churches remain open for private visits, where hard copies of the complete Sunday newsletter can be taken home. Please sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church and wear a face mask. I continue to celebrate the Eucharist privately for your intentions. May God keep us all well in these critical weeks and may we all play our part in preventing the transmission of the virus.

Mass is broadcast live every day at RTE NewsNow TV at 10.30am. On every second Sunday, Mass is broadcast at 11.00am on RTE TV One; on the other Sunday it is found on RTE NewsNow at 2.15pm. The readings of the day are found at the parish website: www.killavullenparish.ie

Killavullen Young Christian Workers, Some outdoor organised events are planned for the mid-term break. Contact Rose Murphy or the parish office to take part. For young adults aged TY and older. See www.ycw.ie

What is Christian Meditation? - Meditation is a way of prayer that is marked by silence, stillness and simplicity. It helps people to deepen their spiritual life and find the peace in the Lord that is the key to keeping well. Many Christians have recovered our own tradition of meditation because of the work of the Irish Benedictine monk John Main (1926-1982). He was the founder of the World Community for Christian Meditation of which Ireland is a part. (see www.wccm.org or www.christianmeditation.ie) His teaching of this ancient tradition of prayer is rooted in the Gospels and in the Desert Fathers of the early Church.

To meditate: Find a quiet place. Sit down with your back upright. Sit still. Gently close your eyes and begin to recite your prayer-word or mantra, silently and in harmony with your breath. John Main recommended the word *maranatha* - the Aramaic word meaning "Come Lord" found in the New Testament. Break it into four syllables "Ma" (breathe in); "ra" (out); "na" (in); "tha" (out) in four easy breaths. Meditate like this for 20 minutes in the morning or evening.

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