



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time (October 25-31, 2020)

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### ***Thirtieth Sunday:*** *The commandment of love.*

*1st Reading:* Moses reminds the people of Israel of their religious and social duties. Sometimes it helps when things are spelt out for us in no uncertain terms. Most of the commandments in the Jewish Torah (including those of the Book of Exodus) concern our duty to protect the weak and vulnerable.

*Psalms 17:* God is our strength; the rock who underpins our lives.

*2nd Reading:* The people of Thessalonika were expecting the imminent return of the Messiah. They were ready to welcome their Saviour and had "become servants of the real, living God." They changed their ways.

*Gospel:* Scripture scholars have counted some 613 commandments in the Torah or Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible). Which one would Jesus pick out as being the most important? Jesus sees love for God with service to our neighbour as the thread that unites all the commandments.

*Now that we have entered a second lockdown, we can again make additional time to pray, and so express our love for God. We can also develop a new respect for our local neighbourhood, its people and places.*

**Donations to the Weekly Offerings;** the Parish Buildings' Fund and the Autumn Offerings can be made at the parish office. Telephone or email the office to arrange an online donation to your parish.

**Fallen asleep in the Lord:** *Anniversaries:* Dan Tobin

**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 Fr Gerard or a member of the Council to make contact by telephone in the first instance.

**Under Level 5 Covid-19 restrictions, all public Masses and indoor / outdoor Church gatherings have been suspended.** (An exception is made for weddings and funerals, with attendance limited to 25)

**Our churches remain open for private visits,** from 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 mask.

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**Comment:** The archbishops' requested meeting with the Irish Government has yet to take place. They are arguing for a limited reopening of churches, with small attendances at Sunday and weekday Masses. No other European country (or Northern Ireland) has such restrictive measures in place on Church life. In recent days, the media has featured a campaign to reopen gyms. The national conversation shows little appreciation of the role that religion plays in a person's health and its contribution to the common good. "Religious services move online" the guidelines tell us. But going online is a poor substitute. The physical act of gathering together in small local groups is integral to Christian worship and can be done safely in our spacious churches. The Sunday and weekday Masses held from July-September were not responsible for the current upsurge in cases of Covid19. (GC)

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**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](http://www.killavullenparish.ie)  
**Christian Meditation by Zoom:** A weekly online meeting will begin this Monday (October 26) at 7.00pm. To register send an email to [dgcondon1@gmail.com](mailto:dgcondon1@gmail.com) or [parishofkillavullen@gmail.com](mailto:parishofkillavullen@gmail.com) You will then be emailed a link to the Zoom session which can be opened after 6.45pm on Monday. Those who participate should be in a quiet room, with hands free audio and visual reception. A webcam and microphone are optional.

The format of the session will follow that recommended by the anglo-Irish Benedictine monk, John Main: "You just sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert. Silently, interiorly, begin to say a single word. We recommend the biblical phrase 'Maranatha'. Recite it as four syllables of equal length. Listen to it as you say it gently but continuously. Do not think or imagine anything - spiritual or otherwise. If thoughts and images come, these are distractions at the time of meditation, so keep returning to simply saying the word."

**Proverb / Nath cainte:** Is giorra cabhair Dé ná an doras.

(God's help is nearer than the door)

*please take this bulletin home.*