



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

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Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time (November 1 - 7, 2020)



Feast of All Saints: *The saints are our brothers and sisters in Christ*

1st Reading: St John's vision of heaven. It would be a mistake to take this revelation (that's the English meaning of the word "apocalypse") as literal fact. However, the underlying idea (communion of the saints around God) is an accurate reflection of our Christian hope. The number 144,000, a multiple of Twelve, indicates the creation of a new Israel, a fellowship among humanity in the afterlife. The Book of the Apocalypse dates from a time when many Christians were being persecuted unto death because of their faith. They had already been made saints by their martyrdom.

Psalms 23: To climb the mountain of the Lord is to receive many blessings.

2nd Reading: We are already God's children; we cannot know what we will be in the afterlife (it is beyond human comprehension); But we can still "entertain the hope" because we believe in a God who embraces us in love.

Gospel: The Beatitudes summarise the counter-cultural attitude of the Christian faith: while the natural human instinct is to seek power and wealth, and to push others around, Christianity encourages humility, justice and forgiveness. Then (when the Gospel of Matthew was written), as now, Christians suffer for their beliefs.

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: Peg Jordan (née Lehané) (Cloughoula); Patrick Thornhill (Kilcanway).

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.

Annakisha Church: A new CE worker has been appointed to maintain the church grounds. He will take up the assignment once the current Level 5 restrictions have been lifted.

In November we remember: This Sunday marks the beginning of a month of remembrance of those who have walked before us along the ways of faith. Our faith teaches us that we are still in communion with them, thanks to the resurrection, and all part of God's family. The effort we make to visit and tend to the graves of our loved ones expresses our prayer that they rest in peace. Visits to cemeteries also strengthens our own faith in the resurrection. The year, group gatherings at cemeteries are not permitted by the government. We can instead visit privately, individually or with our families, to pray for our deceased and all those buried in our cemeteries who now have no one to pray for them.

- Annakisha Church cemetery.
- Carrigacunna (Killavullen new) Cemetery
- Clenor Church
- Killavullen Church cemetery
- Wallstown Church

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.

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

Christian Meditation by Zoom: Continues this Monday (November 2) and for the remaining Mondays of the new lockdown at 7.00pm. To register send an email to dgcondon1@gmail.com or parishofkillavullen@gmail.com. You will then be emailed a link to the Zoom session which can be opened as the 40 minute meeting begins. The format of the session will follow that recommended by John Main OSB.

Proverb / Nath cainte: Is fearr beagán cúnaímh, ná morán trua.
(A little help is better than a lot of pity)