



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

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Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time (November 8 - 14, 2020)



Thirty Second Sunday: *Let us be ready to meet God.*

1st Reading: In the later parts of the Old Testament, “wisdom” (*Sophia*) is acknowledged as one of the most powerful signs of God’s presence. She is not just clever and just but also gracious. Christians see Jesus as God’s wisdom made flesh and living among us.

Psalms 62: A statement of the longing that is part of the human experience. To be in God’s sanctuary is to find the fulfilment of our needs: “Our hearts are restless,” St Augustine wrote, “Until they rest in Thee.”

2nd Reading: St Paul reminds the people of Thessaloniki of our hope founded in the resurrection. Those “who have died in Jesus” find new life in him.

Gospel: As the current liturgical year winds down, the Sunday gospels focus on the “last things”. In the time of Jesus, Jewish weddings featured the kind of torchlight processions referenced in today’s text. The laziness of some of the guests spoils the feast for all. Ours is an in-between time: the Kingdom of God has already been fulfilled in Jesus but awaits its full reality when the bridegroom (Jesus) returns. The “oil in the lamps” is a symbol for the reservoir of good deeds that make ready to welcome Jesus at the end of time.

Donations to the Weekly Offerings; the Parish Buildings’ Fund and the November Offerings can be made at the parish office: include a list of the names of those you would like to be remembered at parish masses over the coming year. There are envelopes at both churches for this purpose. A total of €1315 was received for the parish’s Weekly Offering and Buildings Fund in the weeks ended October 18, 25 and November 2. Thank you.

Fallen asleep in the Lord: Anniversaries: Breda O’Keeffe (Annakisha); Hannah Griffin (Skenakilla) Derry Blake (Carrig Demesne).

Parish Pastoral Council: Members of the Council are ready to call on a neighbour who feels isolated or needs assistance in these challenging times. 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.

Proverb / Seanfhocal: Moladh luath agus cáineadh mall. (Praise readily and be slow to criticize).

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In November we remember: This month we continue to pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Visits to the cemeteries where our loved ones are buried strengthens our own faith that they *Rest In Peace*. From their place in heaven they also pray for us.

Of the five graveyards in our parish, only the one surrounding the ruined churches at Clenor (near Annakisha Church) has been professionally surveyed at the www.historicgraves.ie website.

See: <https://historicgraves.com/graveyard/clenor/co-clnr> for the work that is currently underway on recording the headstones at Clenor.

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

This week the Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Cloyne will gather online for a webinar entitled “Emerging with Hope in a Time of Pandemic”. The day will be led by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA, who has been studying the impact of the pandemic on the Church in Ireland over the past eight months. He has surveyed over 1400 priests and religious as part of his work. The past few months have been especially difficult for an institution that is all about visibly and physically bringing people together. This this time of spiritual communion and “hibernation” for the Church, also promotes the roots of our faith.

Christian Meditation by Zoom: Continues this Monday (November 9) 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.

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