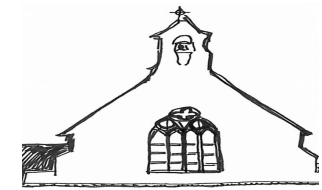


# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Second Week of Advent (December 6-12, 2020)

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### **Second Sunday of Advent:** *Waiting for the Lord.*

Today's Liturgy of the Word continues the Advent theme of preparing to welcome the Lord – both this Christmas and at his Second Coming (*Parousia*) at the end of time. The “joyful messenger” in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (written 600 years BC) is identified as John the Baptist in the Gospel of Mark. John the Baptist was a strange fellow, who lived an austere life on a meagre diet in the wilderness. But he inspired many to believe the Good News, that God's love would be revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

### **Mass Times this Week**

<b>Monday, December 7</b>	Killavullen	9.00am
<b>December 8 Holyday: Immaculate Conception</b>	Killavullen	<b>10.00am</b>
	Annakisha	<b>7.00pm</b>

The 7.00pm Mass will be celebrated for the Senior Citizens of our parish. Every family is invited to a light a candle in your window and pray for the senior members of our community at that time. This gesture of quiet solidarity will replace the annual evening meal for senior citizens organised by the Community Council.

<b>Wednesday, December 9</b>	Killavullen	9.00am
<i>No Mass on Thursday, December 10</i>		

<b>Friday, December 11</b>	Killavullen	7.00pm
<b>Saturday, December 12</b>	Annakisha	10.00am

The Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are especially for families with children preparing for Communion for the First Time. We will use a new programme “*Grow in Love in the Parish*” which has a monthly children's Mass based on the theme of that season.

	<b>Vigil Mass (Advent 3)</b>	<b>Killavullen</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday, December 13: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>		Annakisha	10.00am
		Killavullen	11.30am

**Fallen Asleep in the Lord:** *Anniversaries:* Timothy Sheahan (Monanamy); Anne (Babe) Barry (Castletownroche); Paddy Lankford (Killavullen); Birdie Griffin (Wallstown); Kitty O'Callaghan (Ballygurrane); the deceased members of Killavullen GAA Club.

**Donations to the** Weekly Offerings, the Diocesan Purposes Collection and the Sacristans' Collection can be made at Mass times or at the parish office.

**Antiphon:** Pre-**pare ye the way of the Lord,**  
Pre-**pare ye the way of the Lord.** (Bernard Sexton)

**Now that our churches have reopened,** alongside a general reopening of the country, there is greater onus on each of us, individually, to stop Covid-19 in its tracks. Please sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church and wear a face-mask or face covering. Observe social distancing while at Mass. Sit with your household on the places marked “Please sit here”.

**Appeal to Register:** Registration with the parish is a formal way of signing up your household's membership with our parish. Registered households will receive a box of mini-envelopes later this month. These can be used each Sunday or at intervals throughout the year. *Please register with the parish if you have not already done so,* by completing the relevant form at the back of either church and returning to the parish office or the suggestion box at the doorway of either church.

**Killavullen / Annakisha Young Christian Workers:** The group has produced Christmas cards featuring scenes from our two churches. The cards will be available (€1/ each) at Masses or the parish office from today. **A Pre-Baptism** meeting will take place at the Parish Office next Monday, December 14, for parents planning to have a baptism. Please call ahead to make a reservation.

**A Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council** will take place this week to plan arrangements for Christmas in line with diocesan and NPHEP guidelines.

**New CE Worker at Annakisha:** We welcome Matty Relihan who will tend the grounds of Annakisha Church as part of the area's Community Employment Scheme. The graveyard footpath is a scenic and prayerful loop walk, with a magnificent view of the church and the surrounding countryside. Please stop by and say a prayer as you make the walk.

**Cloyne Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020:** This year (May 29 – June 3), instead of the physical pilgrimage, a virtual pilgrimage took place at churches around the diocese. A commemorative book of the event has now been produced, made up of photographs, reflections, homilies and more. It will be available in parish church car parks around the Diocese this Sunday (December 6) from 12noon-1.00pm, including Fermoy parish church and the Church of the Resurrection, Mallow. Price: €10.

**Bon-Mot:** *The trouble with stretching the truth is that it is apt to snap back.*