



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Third Week of Advent (December 13-9, 2020)

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Second Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday): Today we celebrate our joy on hearing the Good News of salvation. The first reading says that the Messiah will restore the people's freedom and full health following their long and hard exile in captivity. (That is a promise that resonates with us in this year of restrictions.) St Paul reminds the Thessalonians that their reason to be happy is Christ: "May he keep you safe and blameless". In the Gospel of St John, Jesus is the *lux mundi - the light of the world*. Like John the Baptist we too can witness to the light by the example of our good and holy lives

Mass Times this Week

Monday – Thursday Killavullen 9.00am

(No Mass on Friday, December 18)

Saturday, December 19

Sacrament of Reconciliation Killavullen 6.30pm

Vigil Mass (Advent 4) Killavullen 7.00pm

Sunday, December 20: 4th Sunday of Advent Annakisha 10.00am

Killavullen 11.30am

Fallen Asleep in the Lord: *Anniversaries:* Pamela Nemethy; Michael Buttimer; Michael Kenneally (Slumber Hill); Margaret, James and John Power (Monanomy); Dan and Mary Daly (Kilcanway).

Recent Collections. *Thank you for your generosity to the parish*

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Weekly Offerings Nov. 1 – Dec. 6	€1,665	€1,090
Buildings Fund: Oct. & Nov.	Combined	€1315

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Weekly Offerings and Sacristans' Collections during the second lockdown. My special thanks to those parishioners who have made "catch-up" donations. There will be no formal collections during the public health emergency. Instead there are baskets at doorways for your donations to the Weekly Offering and Buildings Fund Collection as you enter or leave the church. The envelopes for 2021 will be delivered over the coming weeks.

A Pre-Baptism meeting for parents will take place at the Parish Office this Monday, December 14. Please call ahead to make a reservation.

Now that 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 spots marked "Please sit here".

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 / Annakisha Young Christian Workers: Christmas cards featuring scenes from our two churches are on sale (€5 for a packet of five) at Masses or from the parish office.

Arrangements for Christmas Masses: Attendance at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be by *ticket only* up to a maximum attendance of 50 at each Mass. Tickets are available after Masses this weekend (please form a socially distanced line in the aisle of the Church) – 2 tickets per adult will be given for *any one* of the following Masses of your choice.

December 24 – Annakisha 5.00 pm & 8.30pm

Killavullen 7.00 pm

December 25 – Killavullen 8.30 am & 11.30am

Annakisha 10.00am

A member of the Pastoral Council will record ticket holders' names. Tickets will also be available after Masses next week and weekend. Check the parish website for updates on the availability of tickets.

On December 1, Bishop Crean posted the following message to parishioners: "2020 has been a difficult year for practically everybody, ... psychologically, socially, and financially. ... Parishes also have been badly affected financially. Not having public Sunday Mass has meant no weekly collections for the upkeep of the parish. All the regular bills still need to be paid. In parishes where envelopes are used, many parishioners have still been making their offerings to their parish. All such offerings, and those for the priests, are deeply appreciated and hereby acknowledged. We ask you to please consider contributing by giving to the collection now that Masses have reopened, or by whatever method suits you. I thank you in anticipation of your response to support your parish at this critical time."

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