



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Second Week of Christmas (January 3-9, 2021)

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Second Sunday of Christmas: *Christ is the Wisdom of God*

1st Reading: The wisdom of God was fully revealed to us in Jesus. or, to use the phrase in today's reading, "pitched his tent" among us
Psalm 147: If we observe the laws of God, then peace will be established.

2nd Reading: May God enlighten the eyes of your mind, so that you may see the hope God has in store for you.

Gospel: Rather than telling the story of Christmas, the Gospel of John reflects on the meaning of the event. God's eternal Word, who was with God since the beginning of time, became one us with the birth of Jesus. He is the light of the world; a light that darkness cannot dim. He is "grace" (God's help) and "truth" (God's justice). *In this time of fear and foreboding we continue to be consoled and strengthened by His presence in our lives.*

Level 5 Restrictions have been imposed on Church activities until January 31, when a review of the situation is expected. The Irish Bishops are appealing to the civil authorities to allow a limited reopening of our spacious, well-sanitized and well ventilated churches, for regular, simple and short Masses. Public Masses are permitted in almost all other countries at this time. In the meantime, Mass will continue to be offered for your intentions in private.

Churches will be open for personal visits, but public worship in groups is not permitted with the exception of the following:

- Baptisms: attended by the immediate family only.
- Weddings: 6 guests can attend.
- Funerals: can be attended by ten mourners only.

When making a private or household visit to either church and their crib, please sanitize your hands on entering and exiting and wear a face mask at all times.

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

BonMot: The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more!

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I Am the New Year

I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have — these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a renewed purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to God who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Dear Lord, please grace me with...

A few friends who understand me and remain my friends;

A work to do which has value,

without which the world would be the poorer;

A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humour;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

An awakening to the presence of God in my life;

The patience to wait for the coming of these things,

With the wisdom to recognize them when they come. Amen.

Fallen asleep in the Lord: Patrick Linehan (Ballydaheen); Seán O'Sullivan (Rahan); Julia Aherne (Canon O'Neill Place); Kathleen Looney.

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the **Christmas Offerings** as well as the **Weekly Offerings and Buildings Fund** collections. Offerings can be made at the Parish Office.

This newsletter and other online resources are forwarded each weekend to households that are registered with the parish. Registration forms are available at the doorways of both churches and can be returned at the ballot boxes or to the parish office.

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