

## Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha 21.4

Third Week of Ordinary Time (January 24-30, 2021)



## Third Sunday of the Year: Believe the Good News.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah acts as God's messenger, telling the people of Ninevah (modern day Mosul, Iraq) that if they turned back to God they will be saved.
Psalm 24: God will show us the way ... may we tread lightly in his path.

 $2^{nd}$  Reading: St Paul believed in an imminent *Parousia* (second coming of the Lord). Even if this never came actually came about, it is true that "the world as we know it is passing away." That includes many of our experiences that we do not enjoy, such as the Coronavirus pandemic!

*Gospel*: Jesus calls the first disciples. They immediately leave what they are doing and follow him. If we believe in a loving God, then we will want to share that Good News with others.

Fallen asleep in the Lord: Anniversaries: Sheila Kelleher.

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Level 5 Restrictions have been imposed on Church activities, with a reopening not expected for several more weeks. In the meantime, Mass will continue to be offered privately for your intentions each day. Churches remain open for personal visits, but group worship is only permitted for Baptisms (immediate family only); Weddings (6 guests) and Funerals (ten mourners only).

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

**Mass is broadcast** live every day at RTE NewsNow TV at 10.30am. On every other Sunday it is found on RTE NewsNow at 2.15pm. The readings of the day are found at the parish website: <u>www.killavullenparish.ie</u>

**Radio Maria Ireland** is a commercial free Catholic Talk-Radio Station. Listen via TV on Saorview Channel 210; or the Radio Maria Ireland App or visit www.radiomaria.ie where there is live streaming.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** If you are self-isolating and need help with picking up your shopping, a friendly phone-call, posting mail or supplies, then call the parish office (022-46578) and a local member of the pastoral council will contact you to assist.

**Sincere thanks** to all who have kept up their contributions to the parish in this time of restricted activity for the Church. Weekly Offerings and donations to the Buildings Fund can be given at the Parish Office. **BonMot:** *The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.* 

<u>Nano Nagle Birthplace</u> online programs are currently underway. To begin this Tuesday, January 26: *Mary of Nazareth: perspectives on Our Lady* will be held for 40 minutes for each session from 2.30pm on Tuesdays. The programs are led by Sr Lois Greene pbvm, the new director of Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin. To register contact <u>secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie</u> and you will be sent the link for the Zoom connection. For further details see church notice-boards.

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**Tom Barry Monument at Annakisha** – Tom Barry (1850-1904), a farmer from Ballingurrane was a public representative in this area who served as a member of Cork County Council. He was a notable member of the Land League movement, which campaigned on behalf of the farming community. In the 1800s most Irish land was owned by absentee English landlords. The Land League organised a boycott of rent payments until its three aims were fulfilled (the three "F's"): fair rent, fixity of tenure and free sale (i.e., the right to sell). By the early 1900s (especially with the passing of the *Wyndham Land Purchase Act* in 1903), farmers won the right to buy-out their rented land from the landlords. However, Tom Barry did not live to see the fruits of his labours. He was, however, honoured by his native parish, who also wanted to express their support for the nationalist cause. At Killavullen Church the pair of fine stained-glass windows of St Patrick and the Sacred Heart (by Watsons of Youghal) were erected "in memory of the late Tom Barry". The windows were commissioned by Fr Lawrence Smithwick PP (1897-1927) on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1905 at a cost of £95.

The monument at Annakisha was erected by Sharp and Emery, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin at a cost of £325. It was unveiled by William O'Brien MP (1852-1928), on August 19, 1906. O'Brien, from Mallow, was a member of the Westminster Parliament, a colleague of Charles Parnell, and a leading advocate of Home Rule for Ireland. The monument at Annakisha is listed in the National Architectural Inventory. (reg., 20902522). While the stonework is generally in a good condition, weathering has made its details unrecognizable. The original cast iron railing, features shamrocks and other fine details. It is severely damaged through corrosion. The Department of Heritage has recently announced a grant scheme for the preservation of built heritage. I am drawing up a grant application for its repair. (GC)

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