



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time (February 14-20, 2021)

21.7



Sixth Sunday of the Year: *Jesus, friend to outcasts.*

1st Reading: In the ancient world, leprosy was the most dreaded of all diseases. The book of Leviticus specifies that the person who contracted the fatal illness should be separated from the community. .

Psalms 31: *To acknowledge our guilt and express sorrow for our sins opens the gates to God's mercy.*

2nd Reading: When we give glory to God, it naturally follows that we will respect others. "I try to be helpful to others at all times." (St Paul)

Gospel: To the consternation of the people of his time, Jesus reached out and touched a leper, the outcasts of that era. There are no limits to his compassion and his desire to bring healing. Who are the outcast of our times? Or what part of our lives have we rejected? Jesus invites us to reach out in compassion and a desire to heal.

Fallen asleep in the Lord: baby Bláithín Lombard (Mallow & Kilcanway)
Anniversaries: Mamie Lenihan (Killavullen); Sheila Griffin (Wallstown); Catherine Lenihan (Carrigacunna).

Level 5 Restrictions have been imposed on Church activities, with a reopening not expected for some 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: www.killavullenparish.ie

Sincere thanks to all who have kept up their contributions to the parish in this time of restricted activity for the Church. The total amount donated to the Weekly Offerings from January 3–February 7 was €1,100. Weekly Offerings and donations to the Buildings Fund can be given at the Parish Office.

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.

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Lent 2021: The season of Lent begins next Wednesday, February 17 and will continue until Wednesday of Holy Week (March 31). Unfortunately, we are unable to gather this year to mark the beginning of this great season of grace when we take up the call to turn back to the Lord with all our hearts. Traditionally, we had our foreheads marked with ashes in the Sign of the Cross as the minister said:

Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel

This year we are unable to be marked by ashes in our churches. Instead, we are each being invited to mark the day with a prayer service in our own homes. The diocese of Cloyne has compiled one option for such a prayer service. Copies are available at both churches and can also be located in the Events section of the www.killavullenparish.ie website (or in the calendar tab, click on February 17). The prayer service invites us think about how we might make an extra effort in three areas of spirituality:

- **Prayer:** by making time for spoken prayer, meditation and the bible.
- **Fasting** from non-essential foods or other aspects of our lives we could well do without, such as social media or alcohol, smoking, etc.
- **Almsgiving** – as a sign of gratitude for all that we have, we are invited to share our resources with those less well off.

The annual **Trocaire Box** is one way of combining fasting and almsgiving: we are invited to donate the saving we make by cutting down on treats to the box and then contribute the proceeds to Trocaire. This year's Trocaire campaign focuses on the people of South Sudan. The boxes are available from both churches.

Enrolments for new pupils are now being accepted at Ballygown and Killavullen National Schools. For further information visit www.killavullenns.ie or www.ballygown.ie and click on the "admissions" tab for more information on the procedure.

A traditional prayer: Lord, *Teach me to feel another's worth,
To hide the fault I see;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.*

please take this bulletin home.