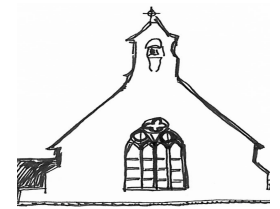


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Third Week of Lent (March 6, 2021)

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Third Sunday of Lent: *Christ, the Wisdom of God.*

1st Reading: We often read the 10 Commandments out of context – as a list on a page or a classroom wall. Their true background is the Exodus story: God had delivered his people from slavery in Egypt; God guided them and fed them in the desert. The ten commandments are actions which show our respect and gratitude to the God who liberates the people from oppression. Observing the commandments upholds the covenant with God and others.

Psalms 18: The Lord's decrees are true and just; observing them brings wisdom.

2nd Reading: For St Paul the greatest sign of God's presence is not miracles or intelligence, but the person of Christ.

Gospel: In the "cleansing of the Temple" (the traditional name for today's episode), the difference between Jesus and Judaism is evident: Jesus taught that the worship of God was no longer tied to the Jerusalem Temple. It would be rebuilt by his resurrection from the dead ("after three days"). His living body, the Church, is a new sanctuary for divine worship.

Fallen asleep in the Lord: *Anniversaries:* Fr Patrick (Johnny) O'Connell, OSM (Annakisha); Emily Hartnett (Ballybawn).

Recently deceased: Mary Coleman (Killavullen); Owen O'Neill (Ballingurrane).

Level 5 Restrictions have been imposed on Church activities, with a reopening not expected until early April. Mass is offered privately for your intentions each day. Churches remain open for personal visits, but group worship is only permitted with limited groups for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. 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.

Sunday Mass from the Parish Office at Ballygriffin will be live-cast via Zoom this Sunday (March 7) at 10.00am. A link to the Zoom meeting has been sent to all parishioners who are on the parish email list. If you are not on this list and would like to join the Mass, please forward your email address or smartphone number and we will forward you the link. The call will be hosted by Paul Murray. **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

Bon Mot: *The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay;
Love, is not love until you give it away.*

"Do you want to fast this Lent?"

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen."

Adapted from the Lenten Message of Pope Francis for 2021

Thank you for your financial contributions. Weekly Offerings for February 8-28 totalled €730. Weekly Offerings, Lent Station Offerings and donations to the Parish Buildings Fund can be given at the Parish Office at your convenience. Please consider becoming a registered household if you have not already taken this step. Registration forms are available from the parish office or at churches.

Nano Nagle Birthplace: *Pondering on Life*, a six-week programme based on Jan Richardson's writings on the concept of *Sanctuary* will be held virtually on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm on March 10, continuing for six weeks. The series will be led by Sr Lois Greene, the new director at Nano Nagle Birthplace. To register, contact secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.com to receive a link for each Zoom meeting. This is a new program, not a continuation of the earlier series.

Charitable Donations / Tax Refund Scheme: I have written to parishioners who have generously contributed more than €250 during 2020, and not previously completed a CHY3 certificate. The cert gives the parish permission to apply for a refund from the scheme operated by Revenue. The form can be completed by any taxpayer resident in your home, on behalf of the entire household. Any benefit from the scheme will be for the maintenance of our churches. As parish finances are very stretched this year, I invite all registered parishioners to complete a CHY3 form for the parish. For details, please make contact.

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