



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time (August 22-28)

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: The people of Israel declare “we have no intention of deserting the Lord our God”, who had delivered them from slavery. May we have the same enthusiasm to “serve the Lord.”

Psalms 33: The Lord is close to the broken hearted, those whose spirits are crushed, God will save.

2nd Reading: St Paul on marriage: it is a covenant of true and mutual love between a man and a woman.

Gospel: Many of the disciples could not accept the radical teaching of Christ that God could be so close to humanity and dwell among us. Peter, however, recognises Jesus as the Messiah.

Public Mass Times this week

Monday to Wednesday	Killavullen	9.30am
Thursday, August 26	<u>Killavullen</u>	<u>9.00am</u>
Friday, August 27	Annakisha	7.30pm
Saturday Vigil Mass for 22nd Sunday	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

Confessions are celebrated in the Reconciliation Room of Killavullen Church at 6.30pm on Saturdays. This space has been adapted to the Covid restrictions.

Our thanks to Fr Richard Hegarty RE along with Fr Sean Cotter PE, for their assistance with parish Masses at this time.

Weekend’s Collections - There are new offertory boxes for your donations to the Weekly Offering and Summer (Petrol) Collection at Church entrances as you enter or leave the church at Mass times. *Thank you.*

Think Covid Safety: Sanitize your hands on entering the church and wear a face mask or shield. Sit with your household on one of the designated green stickers and 2 metres apart from other households / individuals. Fill the church from the front to allow space for latecomers. The liturgy has been simplified to reduce social interaction.

Bon Mot: When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.

Leap of Faith – Triona Doherty

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning.

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something more than the practicalities, more than physical food or drink: he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

Analogy of the Tree on printed newsletter in churches.