



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Second Week of Advent (December 5-11)

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Second Sunday of Advent *The Joy of Salvation*

1st Reading: The central idea of Baruch, the secretary of Jeremiah and one of the OTs lesser-known prophet is summed up today: If we practice honour and integrity, then God’s glory will be made known to us. God’s mercy will guide us along the path that leads to salvation.

Psalm: A prayer from the time of Israel’s exile in Babylon: for those who work faithfully and patiently, sorrow will eventually give way to joy.

2nd Reading: St Paul writes a warm greeting to the people of Philippi, in Greece, where he visited between 49 and 51AD. A suitable tone for letter and card writing to those far away in the lead up to Christmas!

Gospel: John the Baptist celebrated the conversion individuals decided to make in their own lives by bathing them in the River Jordan. God’s salvation always happens at a particular time and place, including right now, if you have a change of heart and turn towards God.

Mass Times this week

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday	Killavullen	9.00am
Wednesday	Immaculate Conception BVM Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	7.30pm
<i>No Mass on Friday</i>		
Saturday	Vigil Mass	Killavullen 7.00pm
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent	Annakisha 10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

Confessions: Saturdays at 6.30pm in Killavullen Church.

Children’s worksheets on today’s Gospel are available at church doorways

May they Rest in God’s Embrace: Michael Kenneally (Slumber Hill); Bridget Griffin (Ballydaheen); Pádraig Lankford (Killavullen); Kitty O’Callaghan (Ballingurrane); Timmy Sheahan (Monanimy Lower)

Last Weekend’s Collections: *Thank you for your generosity.*

	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offerings	€430	€210
Sacristans’ Collection	Combined:	€1355

Bon Mot: Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

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Entrance:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Recessional:

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Covid 19 Pandemic: Please wear a face mask at church and other parish functions and refrain from shaking hands. Our liturgy has been adapted to ensure that the virus is not spread. Gov.ie advises that we “act fast, isolate and get tested if you have symptoms. Wear face coverings where appropriate. Ensure that indoor spaces are well ventilated (*dress warmly at church*). Maintain adequate social distancing. Cover coughs and sneezes and keep your hands clean.”

Parish Registration 2022: If your household is *not* already registered with the parish, please consider doing so using the form available at church entrances. The form should be returned to the sacristy or parish office this week. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Council: Our **second Advent Prayer Service** will be broadcast from the Parish Office via a Zoom Call this Monday, December 6 at 7.30pm. A link has been sent with this weekend’s email and it is also available at the parish website. The prayer service will include a Lectio Divina of the Advent Sunday Gospels and a time for quiet and spoken prayer.

Monday, December 6 is the feast-day of Saint Nicholas of Myra; patron of children and sea-farers. He is not to be confused with our local St Nicholas, whose Holy Well is located in Monanimy, and who, according to tradition, was the brother of St Craebhnait. Perhaps the patron saint of our parish church was named after Nicholas? He was born in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) at the beginning of the Fourth Century. He was bishop of Myra and died on December 6, 360. Throughout his life he was noted for his secretive generosity to the poor and needy, especially children. One night he is said to have visited a family with three marriageable daughters who did not have enough money for a dowry: he secretly dropped three purses of gold down the chimney of their house. In the 19th century, this incident was linked to another secretive and generous man dressed in the red robes of a bishop who is kind to children, especially on Christmas Eve. In the 12th century his relics were brought to the important Italian port of Bari, where they were venerated by sailors afraid of being caught in a storm. As they travelled around Europe, seafarers dedicated churches to their patron saint including at Dundalk, Dublin, Waterford and Galway, where Nicholas is the diocesan patron.

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