



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Third Week of Advent (December 12-18)

21.50



Advent III *Gaudete in Domino Semper ... always rejoice in the Lord*

1st Reading: The prophet Zephaniah wrote in the Seventh Century before Christ, at a time when Israel was at a low ebb. He predicted a coming “Day of the Lord” when justice would prevail.

Psalm: When we recognise our own fragility, we trust in God’s salvation.

2nd Reading: For St Paul, faith in Jesus Christ brings true joy to life, a happiness that the world cannot give.

Gospel: Three groups come before John looking for advice on how they could show *metanoia* (repentance) towards God. To the average lay person, he says: “share your possessions with others”. To the tax collectors, who were renowned for their corruption, he says, “Don’t cheat”. To the soldiers of Rome and King Herod he says: “Don’t abuse your power”. While John baptizes with water, Christ will baptize with God’s own Spirit: his coming is a decisive moment in history. He will separate the wheat from the chaff.

Mass Times this week

Monday – Thursday		Killavullen	9.00am
	<i>No Mass on Friday</i>		
Saturday	Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Annakisha	10.00am
		Killavullen	11.30am

Confessions: Saturday 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: Mary, Johnny and Sean O’Callaghan, (Barrett’s Terrace); Tommy Dorgan (Monanimy); Helena Mellerick; Catherine, Bill and Seán Dorgan (Tooreen). **Recent Deaths:** Kathleen Casey (Ballydesmond, late of Cappagh); John Burns (Mallow, late of Gurranchole).

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

	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offerings	€385	€260

The above amounts include a contribution of €175 towards the Diocese of Cloyne for the monthly Diocesan Purposes collection.

Bon Mot: To grow old is to pass from passion to compassion. (Albert Camus)

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:
 Prepare ye the way
 of the Lord
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 of the Lord.

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. A meeting of the *Parish Council for Finance and Maintenance* will take place this Tuesday to review income and expenditure for the past year, and to decide on future priorities for maintaining our churches.

Parish Pastoral Council: Our third Advent Prayer Service will be broadcast from the Parish Office via a Zoom Call this Monday, December 13 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.

Tom Barry Memorial at Annakisha: The Commemorations Committee and Heritage Officer of Cork County Council have kindly agreed to provide additional funding towards the cleaning of the memorial to the standard of a national monument. The decayed railing is currently being restored at the workshop of Charlie Trigg Ironworks in Lismore (www.charlietrigg.com) The contract for renovating the stonework has been awarded to Eoghan Daltun, from Eyerics, on the Beara Peninsula. (www.eoghandaltun.com/) He will use the Rotec micro-abrasive conservation-grade cleaning system. The bronze plaque of Tom Barry (1850-1904) was originally highly visible within the structure: it will be restored in a manner that will achieve the same effect. A local contribution of 25% towards the cost of the restoration is being managed by the parish: donations towards the same are welcome.

Seanfhocal: Is mór é luach na foighne ... patience is worth a lot.

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