



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Fourth Week of Advent (December 19-25)

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: The prophet Micah predicted that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, the least of the towns of Judea.

Psalm: A prayer that God will protect us in times of danger.

2nd Reading: Jesus Christ established a new covenant between God and humanity, replacing the old one.

Gospel: The story of the Visitation, one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Mary and Elizabeth share the joy of the Good News. Mary has faith that the promises made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Mass and Confession Times this week

Monday – Wednesday Killavullen 9.00am

No Mass on Thursday

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

Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord Killavullen 7.00pm

Annakisha 8.30pm

Christmas Day Annakisha 10.00am

Killavullen 11.30am

Sunday, Dec. 26 Feast of the Holy Family Annakisha 10.00am

Killavullen 11.30am

Killavullen 7.00pm

Confessions: The Reconciliation Room in Killavullen has been adapted for the celebration of the sacrament during the pandemic. *Confessions will be heard following the Vigil Mass this weekend and on Tuesday evening (December 21) at 7.00pm and on Christmas Eve at 12.00 noon.*

Resting in Peace: Tara O'Keeffe (Slumberhill); John Sheahan (Monanimy); NoraMary Sheahan (Landscape) Mary Stafford (Castlekevin) Denis & Patrick O'Connor (Ballincurragh); Jo McAuliffe; Eddie Magner; John & Julia Magner (Ballymacmoy). **Deceased this week:** Peter Rafferty (Commane).

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

	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offerings	€380	€240
December Buildings Fund	combined	€1450

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
Prepare ye the way
of the Lord.

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

Parish Donation Boxes 2022: The boxes of donation envelopes for 2022 will be distributed to registered households over the coming weeks. Our thanks to all those helping with the distribution of the envelopes in the parishes twelve station areas.

Parish Pastoral Council: **The final Advent Prayer Service** will be broadcast from the Parish Office via a Zoom Call this Monday, December 20 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 Gospel for the Christmas Eve Mass and a time for quiet and spoken prayer.

These final days in the lead up to Christmas are always busy and can be stressful. This year we have the added strain of the ongoing pandemic. That's all the more reason to make some time each day for stillness and prayer – your body, mind and spirit will thank you for it! The forecast this week is for calm, dry weather: perfect for walks around the garden and in the countryside! Even the long winter nights invite us to devote greater time to recollection. Like Mary and Elizabeth in today's Gospel may we experience God's blessing at this time. May we be reconciled to God and one another as we prepare to welcome the Saviour, and find that joy in life which an active faith in God can bring.

BonMot: Be kind to yourself, like you're kind to the people you love.