

Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha 22.1 Second Week of Christmas (January 2-8, 2022)



Second Sunday of Christmas Christ, the Wisdom of God

1st *Reading:* One of the last books of the Old Testament to be written tells us that in Wisdom we find God's presence dwelling among us.

Psalm 147: By following the decrees of the Lord we will have many blessings. 2^{nd} Reading: In Christ we have become the adopted children of God; through him we gain wisdom and knowledge.

Gospel: The famous opening lines of John's Gospel. Pure poetry. In Jesus, God's tent is pitched among us. All those who receive him in faith will possess both grace and truth. It is our mission to be children of the light. *Children's worksheets on today's Gospel are available at church doorways*

Mass and Confession Times this week
Monday, Tuesday, WednesdayKillavullen 9.00amThursday, January 6: The Epiphany
No Mass on Friday.Annakisha 10.00am
Killavullen 7.30pmSaturdayVigil MassKillavullen 7.00pmSunday, Jan. 9: The Baptism of the LordAnnakisha 10.00am
Killavullen 11.30am

Confessions: Killavullen Reconciliation Room at 6.30pm on Saturdays. **May they Rest in God's Peace:** *Anniversaries:* Nollaig Moakley (Clenor); Sean O'Sullivan (Rahan); Kathleen Looney; David Mellerick.

Recent Deaths: Eily Coleman (Main Street, Killavullen). William Dennehy (New Jersey, USA & Barrett's Terrace)

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

	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offerings (26.12.21)	€345	€220

The boxes of donation envelopes for 2022 are currently being distributed to registered households, thanks to volunteers assisting with this task. Contact the parish office if you have not received yours by next weekend. There are envelopes for Christmas Offerings, which contribute towards the priest's income, at Church doorways.

BonMot: Cherish your yesterdays, dream your tomorrows but live your today.

Entrance:

O Come All Ye Faithful Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Recessional:

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Covid 19 Pandemic: We request that you wear a face mask at church and at all other parish functions and refrain from shaking hands. Our liturgy has been adapted to ensure that the virus is not spread. Do not attend Mass if you have fever, cough, shortness of breath or a loss or change to the sense of taste or smell. Otherwise, please do come to Mass, especially Sunday Mass! Churches are among the safest environments for gathering with others: it is good for your mental as well as your spiritual health to pray with others.

Annakisha: Our thanks to the Deane and Farrell families for undertaking to remove the Cypress Leylandii Trees located behind the boundary wall of the Church Car Park. The recent Storm Barra showed the trees to be increasingly unstable (as well as unsightly). The impressive view of Annakisha Church from the approaching roadways will soon be revealed in all its glory.

• Our thanks to Cals Healy for taking up the role of sacristan at Annakisha alongside Tadhg and Margaret Ryall on alternate months.

New Year

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

'Give me a light,

that I may tread safely into the unknown.

And he replied:

'Go out into the darkness

and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light

and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth, and, finding the hand of God,

Trod gladly into the light.

And he led me towards the hill and the breaking of day in the lone East. Minnie Louis Haskins (1875-1957)

