



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## First Week of Advent (November 27 – December 4, 2022)

22.44



### First Sunday of Advent

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** In ancient times mountains were considered the dwelling place of God. Isaiah imagines the people of Israel, setting themselves apart from their present state, climbing God's holy mountain. *May we use this season of Advent to "walk in the light of the Lord."*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** St Paul tells the Romans that it is time to wake up to God's presence and to let Christ be our guiding light.

**Gospel:** Today's Gospel has a number of images for being prepared for every eventuality in life: Noah and his family (Genesis 9-11) were prepared for the catastrophic flood; the householder was alert to the security of his dwelling place. God is present to us, but we are not always present to God. Being alert and open to the moments when God comes into our lives is something we can practice today and not just at the hour of our passing.

*Children's worksheets on today's Gospel are at church doorways.*

*A Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at the 10.00am and 11.30am Mass this Sunday*

### Mass Times this Week

Monday to Thursday Killavullen 9.00am

*No public Mass on Friday*

Saturday Vigil Mass Killavullen 7.00pm

Sunday Annakisha 10.00am

Killavullen 11.30am

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6.30pm in the Reconciliation Room or at any time requested.

**May they Rest in God's Embrace:** Tara O'Keeffe (Slumber Hill). We remember Archdeacon Gerard Casey who died recently.

**Recent Collections:** Banking charges for coin lodgements have increased.

*Please donate to weekend collections in notes or using €1 or €2 coins.*

Thank you!	Killavullen	Annakisha
November 20	€490	€275

**Recessional Collection:** is for the social and family services of the Church in Ireland: Accord, the Council for the Family and the Council for Life.

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

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord  
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**Parish Registration:** 2023 approaches and new boxes of envelopes for the year will be distributed during December. If you have not previously registered your membership with our parish, please consider doing so at this time, using the Registration Form available at the church doorways. Becoming a registered household is a great way of showing your membership of our parish even if you do not frequently make use of the envelopes.

**Comhghairdeas:** to Breda Walsh (Beenaskeh), on winning the Ireland National 6k Cross Country at Santry Stadium recently. We wish Aisling Neenan (Rahan) and James Fitzgerald (Mourneabbey) every blessing as they prepare for their wedding day next Friday.

### **The Advent Wreath**

- The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, and the everlasting life that is to be found in Christ.
- The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering.
- Holly has a special Christian symbolism - the prickly leaves remind us of Christ's crown of thorns
- Three candles are purple and one is rose; they stand for the four weeks of Advent. The liturgical colour purple symbolizes prayer, penance, and the goods works undertaken at this time.
- The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, "Gaudete Sunday", when the faithful rejoice at the approaching nativity of Christ
- The progressive lighting of the candles symbolises the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world.
- The central white candle, represents Christ, the Light of the world.



**BonMot:** Those who chase two hares, catch none. (Japanese Proverb)

