



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Fourth Week of Advent (December 18-24, 2022)

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Fourth Sunday of Advent *Mary's Child: The Emmanuel.*

1st Reading: Writing in the Seventh Century BC, Isaiah anticipated that the Messiah would be born of a virgin.

2nd Reading: King David, who lived circa 1000BC, was regarded as the first Messiah (anointed one of God); For St Paul, Jesus was the new Messiah, chosen by God to make a new covenant that would be forever.

Gospel: Joseph was engaged to marry when she was found to be "with child through the Holy Spirit." In his dreams he is told by an angel that Mary's child is "Emmanuel", which means "God-with-us."

Children's worksheets on today's Gospel are at church doorways. A Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at the 11.30am Mass

Mass Times this Week

Monday to Thursday Killavullen 9.00am

No public Mass on Friday

Saturday (Christmas Eve) Vigil Mass Killavullen 7.00pm

Annakisha 8.30pm

Sunday (Christmas Day) 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: Larry O'Riordan (Killavullen); Nora Sheahan (Landscape); Eddie, John and Julia Magner (Ballymacmoy).

Recent Death: Breda Thornhill (Kilcanway).

Recent Collections: Thank you for your generosity

Last weekend	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offering	€550	€190
Buildings Fund (Monthly)	combined	€850

Christmas Offerings, for the support of your priest can be made at this time. Thank you.

Bon Mot: Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience.

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

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.

Parish Envelopes: Our thanks to members of the Finance Council for assembling the boxes of envelopes for 2023 last week. They are now ready for distribution to homes. If you would like to assist with this task, please contact Fr Gerard after Mass this weekend.

Parish Christmas Cards: Featuring either Killavullen or Annakisha Churches are on sale at Church doorways this weekend. €10 for a packet of ten cards with envelopes.

Mallow St Vincent de Paul Society: The annual collection will take place in our church grounds after Masses this weekend (December 17-18)

In 2019 Pope Francis wrote *Admirabile Signum*, on the Christmas Crib, as an "admirable sign" of God's presence. It opens and concludes as follows:

The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.

The Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: of thanksgiving to God, who wished never to leave us alone.