



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Sixth Week of Ordinary Time (February 12-18, 2023) 23.7



Sixth Sunday of the Year

1st Reading and Psalm: Keeping God's commandments is our choice, doing so brings true happiness. God's ways are demanding but fulfilling.

2nd Reading: The wisdom of God is above and beyond this world and requires a certain amount of trust on our part.

Gospel: The religious faith of the scribes and Pharisees was based on the observance of holy ceremonies and rituals each day. Jesus teaches that true religion is based on an attitude of the heart: when we truly love God and others, then we set our religious practice on a good foundation.

- Children's worksheets on today's Gospel are at church doorways.
- There will be a children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10.00am Annakisha and the 11.30am (Killavullen) Masses this weekend.

Mass Times this Week

Monday - Thursday Killavullen 9.00am

No Mass on Friday

Saturday	Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday, Feb. 19 (Seventh 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: Anniversaries: Catherine lenihan (Carrigacunna); Stephen Arnold (Powerstown); Mamie Linehan (Killavullen); Marian Flynn (Ballymacmoy).

Recent Collections: Thank you for your generosity

Last weekend	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offering	€610	€262
Diocesan Purposes (Feb.)	Combined	€200

This weekend: The monthly collection for the Parish Buildings' Fund will take place. We are planning to paint the external walls of Killavullen Church over the coming months and carry out repairs on its windows.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Christ be near at either hand,
Christ behind, before me stand.
Christ with me where e'er I go.
Christ around, above below.
Christ my life and only way.
Christ my lantern night & day,
Christ be my unchanging friend.
Guide and shepherd to the end.

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting of the Council will take place next Tuesday, February 14 at 7.30pm in the parish office.

Spring / Lenten Stations: Please contact Fr Gerard if you would like to host the Mass for your area over the coming weeks.

Lent 2023: Letting God Come Close. Is an invitation to set aside some time each Wednesday evening during Lent to reflect on some aspect of our spiritual lives. The meetings will be led by Sr. Teresa Kennedy, pbvm, beginning on February 29 (at 7.30pm for each meeting) at Nano Nagle Birthplace. Further details see church poster or call Sr. Teresa on 083 3987255.

Communion to the Sick and House / Housebound: Please contact the parish office if you are sick or housebound and would like to receive Communion either from Fr Gerard or a Minister of the Eucharist who is local to your home.

An Organ Recital at the restored Telford Pipe Organ of St Colman's Cathedral, Cobh, will take place this Sunday, February 12 at 3.30pm. The recital will be by the brilliant young Irish organist Dónal McCann from New College Oxford. No tickets are required.

Thought for the Day: "To some extent we have become our own zookeepers, caging ourselves indoors. We've replaced birdsong, forest scents and floral patterns for screens and social media platforms. Nature is proven to de-stress us. Screen-time is proven to stress us. We need to unlock ourselves from our devices and go barefoot on meadow grass or forest floor. We need to know again the feeling that comes with rest and relaxation. We need to teach ourselves that there is another way of being in the world. Open your front door and go outside." (Tom Gunning, *Nature's Way*)

Bon Mots: We should never take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude.