



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Seventh Week of Ordinary Time (February 19 - 25, 2023) 23.8



Seventh Sunday of the Year (Temperance Sunday)

1st Reading and Psalm: Being honest and straightforward with others helps avoid resentments taking root. We speak with compassion as well as truth.

2nd Reading: The Spirit of Christ, dwelling within, makes us temples of God's presence and joined together in the One Body of the Church. The factional interests among the Christians of Corinth betrayed that sense of unity.

Gospel: Matthew compares the Old Testament with the Gospel of Jesus. The disciples of Jesus are invited to a new interpretation of the Law of Moses, one that goes the "extra mile", beyond the realm of justice and into mercy.

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

Mass Times this Week

Monday and Tuesday	Killavullen	9.00am
Ash Wednesday	Killavullen	7.30pm
Thursday, February 23	Killavullen Community Centre	7.30pm
Station Mass for Killavullen Village / Ballymacmoy		

No Public Mass on Friday

Saturday	Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday, Feb. 26 (1 st Sunday Lent)		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: Deceased members of GAA Club; Dan Cronin (Minos); Joan & Tom Carroll (Ballymacmoy); Nora Brosnan (Killavullen); Bláithín Lombard (Mallow)

Month's Mind: Joe Fitzgibbon (Castlekevin)

Recent Collections: Thank you for your generosity

Last weekend	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offering	€480	€320
Buildings' Fund (Feb.)	Combined	€980

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: Sunday Mass attendance has declined in recent years and especially since the Covid-19 pandemic. The Pastoral Council is proposing the bringing of Sunday Mass times forward by 30-minutes to 9.30am at Annakisha and 11.00am at Killavullen. The earlier times may suit more people to attend Sunday worship. In particular, it would allow more time for family activities following Mass. A consultation exercise will take place about this proposal next weekend.

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 this Lent. Is an invitation to set aside some time each Wednesday evening during Lent to reflect on an aspect of our spiritual lives. The meetings will be led by Sr. Teresa Kennedy, pbvm, beginning on March 1 (at 7.30pm for each meeting) at Nano Nagle Birthplace. Further details: see church poster or call Sr. Teresa on 083 3987255.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2023: Trócaire is the Irish Catholic Church's agency for overseas development. This year marks the 50th anniversary of its foundation. This year's campaign features a family from the Gedo region of Somalia, whose farm has been destroyed by a prolonged drought, brought on by climate change.

Prayer for Temperance: Lord, let temperance grow in me and lead me to discover other virtues that bring deeper union with you. In your sacred name, I pray. Temper my desires, O Lord, and turn my focus towards you. Deliver me from the tendency to go to extremes that strain both body and soul. Free me from all that harms or enslaves me and turn my heart towards eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Bon Mot: "Joy, temperance and repose, slam the door on the doctor's nose."