



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## First Week of Lent (February 26 – March 4, 2023) 23.9



### First Sunday of Lent

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** The Book of Genesis is a telling story about the goodness of God's creation, spoiled by the sins of humanity. The ongoing presence of evil in the world (represented in the story by the serpent) is our *original sin*. It brought about death, something God had never intended.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lent is a time to repent of sin. By the grace of God's forgiveness, we can acquire, again, a "pure heart" and a "steadfast spirit".

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Jesus Christ heralded the dawn of a new creation. His life, death and resurrection has "justified" humanity in the sight of God and restored eternal life.

**Gospel:** The season of Lent is based on the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert. When we deny ourselves, we too will face temptation.

- 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 to Thursday		Killavullen	9.00am
No 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: Anniversaries:** Owen O'Neill (Ballygurrane); Nora and Jerry Justice (Killavullen). **We pray for** Bishop David O'Connell from Glanmire who died tragically in Los Angeles

**Recent Collections:** Thank you for your generosity

Last weekend	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offering	€620	€265

**Bon Mot:** Things have a way of working out for the best.

**Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed  
Recreate in us your own Spirit, Lord!**

Behold the days are coming,  
Says the Lord, our God,  
When I will make a new covenant  
With the house of Israel.

Let's all join together in communion sweet,  
walk, walk, in the light.  
And love one another 'til the Saviour we meet,  
*Walk, walk, in the light.* (x 4)  
Walk in the light, walk in the light of God  
He left his Spirit our friend to be; He prays in you and he prays in me.  
Walk, walk, walk in the light.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Pastoral Council is proposing the bringing of Sunday daytime 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, especially at the second Sunday Mass in Killavullen. Members of the Council will note your opinion (if you wish to give one) as you leave the Church after Mass today.

**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.** The first meeting of a new Lenten series will take place next Wednesday, March 1 at 7.30pm at Nano Nagle Birthplace. The meetings will be led by Sr. Teresa Kennedy, pbvm. Further details: see church poster or call Sr. Teresa on 083 3987255.

**Accord, the Church's Marriage Agency** is recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Contact: [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

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### **Prayer at the Beginning of the Lenten Journey**

Loving Jesus, as I place on my forehead the sign of your saving cross  
You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.  
Walking into Lent my heart is set on you.  
May my *fasting* fill me with hunger for you,  
may my *prayer* draw me deeper into your presence,  
may my *acts of charity* bring your love to my home and community.

Lord of life, grant that by turning back to you in these 40 days  
I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith;  
for you raise me up from fear and despair  
and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always. Amen.

