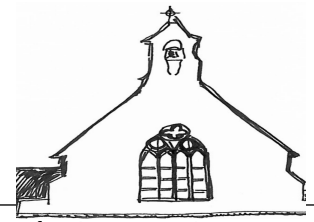


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Third Week of Lent (March 12-18, 2023) 23.11



Second Sunday of Lent *Christ the font of eternal life.*

1st Reading: The people of Israel plead for water to drink in the desert. God hears their “grumbling” and answers their prayers.

Responsorial Psalm: The people had grown “hard of heart” in the desert. The Lord listened to their prayer and leads them to the Promised Land.

2nd Reading: The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us at Baptism.

Gospel: *The woman at the well.* The Samaritan woman initially thinks that physical water will quench her thirst. Her encounter with Jesus leads her to believe that he is the Messiah, the one sent by God to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart

- *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 and Other Events this Week

Monday to Wednesday Killavullen 9.00am

No Mass on Friday

Dé hAoine, 17ú Márta Áth na Cise 10.00am

Cill an Mhuillinn 7.30pm

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: Paddy and Norma Walsh (Ballygriffin); Michael Leahy (Carrig); Billy Magner (Killavullen)

Recent Collections: Thank you for your generosity

| Last weekend | Killavullen | Annakisha |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offering | €505 | €255 |
| Diocesan Purposes | Combined | €180 |

**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.

Monthly Collection for the Parish Buildings Fund: The second collection today is for the parish buildings’ fund. This year it is planned to paint the exterior walls of Killavullen Church and carry out some repairs to its windows where there is water ingress. We also plan to complete repairs to the sacristy roof at Annakisha and to the cemetery’s walls.

Spring / Lenten Stations: The station Mass for Annakisha and Clenor will take place at the home Tadhg and Margaret Ryall on March 23. For Wallstown, Ballydaheen, Knocknagapall, the Station will be at the home of Anne O’Connor on March 31. This year, if there is no Station Mass in your area, please return the Lenten Offering to a Sunday Mass. Thank you.

Lent 2023: Letting God Come Close this Lent. The series of reflections for Lent continues next Wednesday, March 15 at 7.30pm at Nano Nagle Birthplace. This week: “Developing Personal Prayer”. The meetings are led by Sr. Teresa Kennedy, pbvm, tel. 083 3987255. All are welcome.

Passion Play 2023: A meeting of the group preparing the Holy Week Passion Play will take place next Thursday, March 16 at 8.00pm

Killavullen GAA Club healthy eating, a demonstration on nutrition and healthy cooking will take place in Killavullen Hall on March 20 from 7-9.00pm. Under 18 free; adults €5. Registration desirable. Helen 0857041674.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign: The Mahat family in Somalia could very well be like the people in today’s First Reading: begging for water in the desert. In their refugee camp, Trocaire has dug bore holes to provide life-giving clean water. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis wrote: “Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights.”

Bon Mot: “Half an hour in a spring evening is worth a thousand pieces of gold.” (Japanese proverb)