



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Fifth Week of Lent (March 26 – April 1, 2023) 23.13



Fifth Sunday of Lent *Christ brings new life.*

1st Reading: Following the destruction of Jerusalem (597BC), Ezekiel predicted a time when Israel would rise again, as a nation. Belief in an individual resurrection from the dead was a later development in Judaism.

Responsorial Psalm: We thirst for God's presence from the depths of life.

2nd Reading: The Spirit of God is something more than our own human spirit; it justifies us in a way that we can never achieve by our own merits alone.

Gospel: Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus is restored to his family and friends who mourn his loss alongside Jesus. Loss and death itself is part of the human experience. Like Jesus, we weep at our losses in life. But we also put our faith in him who raises us to new life.

- *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 and Other Events this Week

Monday to Thursday		Killavullen	9.00am
Friday, March 31: Station Mass for Doonawany, Wallstown, Carriganaltig, Ballygriggan etc., at the home of Anne O'Connor			7.30pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	Palm 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:* John Joe Linehan (Killavullen); Hanah Roche (Ballymacmoy / Ballincurrig)

Died earlier this year: Tess Warner (née Canavan);

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Last weekend	Killavullen	Annakisha
Weekly Offering	€495	€240
Emigrants Chaplaincy	Combined	€185

**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.

Pre-Baptism Meeting: A meeting for those parents planning a baptism in this year, will take place in the Parish Office on Monday, March 27, at 7.30pm

Lent 2023: *Letting God Come Close this Lent.* The series of reflections for Lent continues next Wednesday, March 29 at 7.30pm at Nano Nagle Birthplace. This week: "Reconciliation". The meetings are led by Sr. Teresa Kennedy, pbvm, tel. 083 3987255. All are welcome.

A Passion Play based on the Gospel of Matthew will replace the reading of the Gospel at the 11.30am Mass next (Palm) Sunday and on Good Friday at 7.30pm. Narrator (Cals Healy) will introduce the Gospel, beginning with the betrayal of Jesus (Noel Brosnan) by the apostle Judas Iscariot (Kristene Stafford) to the High Priest Caiaphas (John Beechinor). He received 30 pieces of silver from the Temple treasury. At the Last Supper, Jesus gathered with his disciples to institute the Eucharist; he then went on to Gethsemane where the apostle Simon Peter (Catherine Blake) could not stay awake and keep vigil with him in his agony. Peter would go on to deny Jesus three times before the crowds (Elizabeth Brosnan). Arrested by the Roman Legionaries (David Scully and Michael Lenihan), Jesus was brought before the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate (Helen Blake) and his officials (Zara Roche; Abbie Griffin). Pilate decided to wash his hands of the affair. Jesus was then nailed to a crossbeam and crucified. As he died, an earthquake shook the city. His secret disciple, Joseph of Arimathea, quietly buried the body of Jesus.

Lough Derg 2023 Pilgrimage Season: Posters with details of the traditional Three Day and One Day Retreat events between May 1 and September 15 are displayed on the Church noticeboards or visit www.loughderg.org

Thought for the Day: 'Water is fluid and yielding. But water will wear away rock which is rigid and cannot yield. As a rule, whatever is fluid, soft and yielding will overcome whatever is rigid and hard. Whatever is soft can also be strong.'