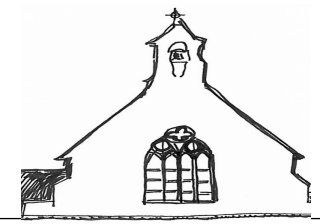


# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Second Week of Easter (April 16-22, 2023) 23.16



### Second Sunday of Easter.

*First Reading:* A summary of the life of the first Christian parish. The believers remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles (the *didache*), to their community of faith (the *koinonia*) to the Breaking of Bread (*the Mass*) and prayer in the home.

*Responsorial Psalm 117:* A song of praise to God. We praise the Lord for conquering sin and death by the resurrection of his Son. He was the stone rejected by the builders that became the cornerstone of a new covenant.

*Second Reading:* Even without meeting Jesus of Nazareth in the flesh we can still love him and his Gospel.

*Gospel:* An incident from “eight days” after the resurrection: the doubting Thomas represents us all who make the journey from scepticism to belief.

- *A children’s Liturgy of the Word will take place at the 11.30am Mass.*

### Mass-times this week

Monday, Tue. Wed. & Friday	Killavullen	9.00am
	<i>No Mass on Thursday</i>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Vigil Mass	<b>Killavullen 7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	3rd Sunday of Easter	<b>Annakisha 10.00am</b> <b>Killavullen 11.30am</b>

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6.30pm in the Reconciliation Room or at any time requested.

### Recent Collections: Thank you for your generosity

Last weekend	Killavullen	Annakisha
<i>Building Fund (April)</i>	Combined	€955
<i>Trocaire Lenten Collection</i>	Combined	€1520
<i>Weekly offering 9/4/23</i>	Combined	€680

**Easter Offerings, that** contribute to the income of your priest can be given at Masses using the blue envelope that came with your donation box or using the Easter Offering envelopes at church doorways. Thank you.

*This is the day (x3)  
That the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice (x3) And be glad  
This is the day that  
the Lord has made  
Let us rejoice and be gla-d*

*Faithful is the Lord our King  
Let us all in glory sing. Ever praise in  
word and song: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.  
God of life and God of seed; God of  
nations lands and creeds;  
God of heaven, God of earth,  
God made man in lowly birth.*

**Advance notice: Pre-Baptism Meeting:** The next Baptism preparation meeting will take place on Monday, May 7, at 7.30pm in the Parish Office

**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](http://www.loughderg.org)

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### A Poem in honour of Spring by Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ (1844-1889)

Nothing is so beautiful as spring—  
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;  
Thrush’s eggs look little low heavens, and thrush  
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring  
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;  
The glassy pear tree leaves and blooms, they brush  
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush  
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.  
What is all this juice and all this joy?  
A strain of the earth’s sweet being in the beginning  
In Eden garden.—Have, get, before it cloy,  
Before it cloud, Christ, Lord, and sour with sinning,  
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,  
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.

**Bon Mot:** “Faith is taking the first step, even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” Martin Luther King.



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