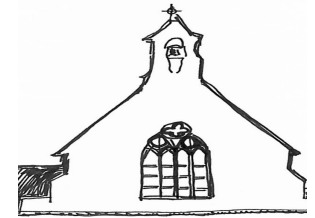


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time (July 23-30, 2023) 23.30



Sixteenth Sunday: *The Lord our Merciful Judge*

First Reading: God’s providence and compassion rules over all creation. When we repent and turn back to God we meet a merciful judge, “slow to anger, abounding in love and truth.

Second Reading: The Spirit of God, dwelling in our hearts helps us to find the words that express our deepest longings.

Gospel: God’s harvest is rich and bountiful, but for the time being, it co-exists with “weeds”.

Mass Times this week – and until August 11

Monday to Friday		Killavullen	9.30am
Saturday	Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	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.

Cloyne Diocese Family Prayer Book : Free copies are available at doorways. This prayerbook offers the traditional prayers of our faith and outlines our spiritual practices as Catholics.

Parish Pastoral Council: A Parish Pilgrimage to Mount Melleray Abbey and Ardmore, will take place on the Feast of the Assumption (August 15), leaving Killavullen at 9.00am and arriving for Mass with the community of Cistercians at Mount Melleray at 10.30am. Mass will be followed by refreshment in the monastery café and an opportunity to spend some time visiting the Abbey. From there the coach will make its way through Cappoquin and Clashmore and onto Ardmore where there will be lunch at The Round Tower Hotel. Following lunch, there will be time to take a stroll by the strand or walk the Ardmore Cliff Loop, which begins at St Declan’s Well and ends at the ruins of Ardmore Cathedral. Return to Killavullen by 7.30pm. Cost: Adults €50; Under 25: €30. Reservations can be made with a 20€ deposit: Kathleen Hanley (086-1556360); Breda Walsh (087-7926387); Tom Owens (087-9268623); Cals Healy (087-0552737)

www.killavullenparish.ie Fr. Gerard Condon PP. Tel.: 022-46578;

On this, the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis gives us an opportunity to detach from the seemingly new and immediate and to honour those who teach us another way. The theme of this year’s celebration is “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Ps 92:15). The celebration falls on the fourth Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This day is an occasion for us to slow down, to appreciate the wisdom of years past, and to thank those who have handed it down to us. In short, it is a time to receive and to give.

First, it is a time to receive and to appreciate all that they have given us. Many of us have wonderful memories of our grandparents. Maybe we recall a celebration or family tradition, or perhaps simply their presence in our lives. We might have a keepsake that reminds us of them, of the times we shared with them one-on-one, and of their love for us. We treasure their stories and advice. These things remind us of what we have received — and continue to receive — from them.

One thing we receive from them is perspective in the here and now. We live in turbulent times. We can focus so much on our current circumstances that we give them an outsized importance and perhaps think that we are alone in facing our challenges. Our grandparents and the elderly put things in perspective and teach us that we are not alone. They remind us that there have been difficulties in the past — often greater than our current difficulties — and that many have gone before us and have faced similar struggles. They themselves struggled, suffered setbacks and sorrows, but still found much joy in their lives. By looking back and reflecting, we can see that they are able to offer us unparalleled advice and perspective.

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Bon Mot: Pessimists complain about the wind.
Optimists expect it to change. Realists adjust their sails.

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