



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (August 20-26, 2023) 23.32



Twentieth Sunday: *A house of prayer for all the nations*

First Reading: Isaiah believed that those not of the Jewish faith would also be part of God’s kingdom, so long as they respected the decrees of the Lord

Second Reading: St Paul brought the Good News to those who were not Jewish. God’s great mercy has been revealed to us in Jesus: he came to our rescue by sending us his Son.

Gospel: The Gospel of Matthew was written for the Jewish people, in the hope that they would believe in Jesus; Jesus was sent to the “house of Israel”; but because Jesus found such faith among the Gentiles (non-Jews), including the Canaanite woman in today’s Gospel, his mission went in a new direction.

Mass Times this week

Monday – Wednesday		Killavullen	9.00am
	<i>No Mass on Thursday</i>		
Friday, August 25		Annakisha	7.30pm
Saturday	Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	20 th 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.

Recent Collections - *Thank you for your generosity*

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering July 23	€210	€450
Weekly Offering July 30	€180	€410
Weekly Offering Aug. 6	€230	€320
Diocesan Purposes (Aug)	Combined	€150
Weekly Offering Aug. 13	€220	€440
Buildings’ Fund (Aug.)	Combined	€1420

Christ be near at either hand,
 Christ behind, before me stand.
 Christ with me where e'er I go.
 Christ around, above below.
 Christ my life and only way.
 Christ my lantern night & day,
 Christ be my unchanging friend.
 Guide and shepherd to the end

Glory and praise to our God.
 Who alone gives light to our days.
 Many are the blessing he bears
 To those who trust in his ways.
*We the daughters and sons of him - Who
 built the valleys and plains.
 Praise and wonder our God has done,
 in every heart that sings:*

Our thanks to all who organised and attended the Parish Pilgrimage last Tuesday. We were blessed with beautiful weather as we made our way over The Vee with its magnificent view of the Golden Vale and on to the Cistercian Abbey of Mount Mellerey, founded in the 1830s and substantially rebuilt during the 1940s while Celsus O’Connell OCSO, a man with many local connections, was abbot. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful liturgy for the Feast of the Assumption and the refreshments afterwards at the Abbey Café, with its courtyard overlooking the Blackwater Valley. From there we made our way to Ardmore and, following lunch at the Round Tower Hotel, broke into groups to make the 5km Cliff Walk, pausing to say a prayer at St Declan’s Well or stroll along the beach. The day concluded with an evening prayer service at the local parish church.

A New Rota for Church Readers is now being prepared and will be ready for early September. *Existing Readers:* Please contact the Parish Office this week if you would like to adjust or take a break from your commitment. *New Readers* are welcome to volunteer for the 2023-2024 rota.

Season of Creation at Nano Nagle Birthplace: To coincide with the Church’s annual Season of Creation during September, there will be a series of weekly meetings at Nano Nagle Birthplace on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, beginning on September 6 (also, 13th, 20th, 27th and October 4th, the Feast of St Francis, the patron of ecology). The meetings will include a reading of Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Laudato Si* as it relates to our everyday lives.

Copies of Revelator: A Magazine for Young Christians are available free of charge at the church doorways today.

- Bon Mots:**
- Being beside yourself can make a very unattractive couple.
 - Anxiety can sometimes be a substitute for action.