



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Twenty Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (October 1-7, 2023) 23.37



Twenty Sixth Sunday: Say “Yes” to God with words and deeds.

First Reading: Ezekiel asked Israel to change direction and turn back to the Lord. Conversion to God is the pivot that leads to new life.

Responsorial Psalm 24: God hears our appeal for mercy and points our lives on the correct path.

Second Reading: One of the earliest Christian hymns: God’s Son emptied himself (*kenosis*) of divine power to assume the human condition.

Gospel: Another one of Matthew’s vineyard parables: the older son is compared to the people of Israel, for saying “Yes” to God but then not following through by acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah. The “second son” was like those who initially rejected God, but then thought better of it. They learnt to appreciate the offer of salvation made to them through Christ.

There are children’s worksheets about today’s Mass at Church entrances.

Mass Times this week

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| Monday – Wednesday | Killavullen | 9.00am |
| | <i>No Mass on Thursday</i> | |
| Friday - Stations-Autumn Thanksgiving | Killavullen | 7.30pm |
| Saturday | Vigil Mass | Killavullen 7.00pm |
| Sunday | 27 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.

May they Rest in God’s Embrace: *Anniversaries:* Margaret Scuffins; Conor O’Keeffe (Castletownroche); Robert Cronin (Powerstown); Tom, Jim and Kit Foley (Lyravarrig).

Last Weekend’s Collection - *Thank you for your generosity*

| | Annakisha | Killavullen |
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| Weekly Offering | €570 | €480 |

The Recessional Collection this weekend is for Diocesan Purposes.

Bon Mot: Living realistically is like licking honey off thorns.

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:

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

Autumn Stations: A Mass of Autumn Thanksgiving, to replace some Station Masses - will take place next Friday evening in Killavullen. Refreshments will be served at the back of the Church following Mass. Contact: Tom Owens or John Beechinor if you would like to assist. A Station for Annakisha, Clenor, Clashnabrook and Grandy will take place in the home of Jerome & Breeda Coakley on October 20 at 7.30pm. If you would like to arrange a Station Mass for your area, please contact Fr Gerard. Please note that a Station is intended to be a gathering of neighbours. **Autumn Station Offerings** for the financial support of your priest can be returned to Sunday Masses at this time. Thank you.

Confirmations 2024: Bishop Crean has written to propose April 25, 2024 as the date on which Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish next year.

The Current Readers’ Rota expires this Sunday and a new annual rota will be available from next weekend. We thank our readers for their commitment to our community of Christian faith.

Season of Creation at Nano Nagle Birthplace: The series of seminars led by Sr Lois Greene **concludes next** Wednesday, October 4, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Prayer to Mark the Feast of Saint Francis (October 4) (Canticle of Creation)

Saint Francis of Assisi, your whole life sang in harmony with God,

With you, we praise the Lord for Brother Sun,
full of beauty and splendour, warming the earth,
summoning shoots from darkness into daylight.
We praise God for Sister Water,
so useful and humble, precious and pure,
greening arid ground, growing life in desert places.

Pray for us, Francis, that, like you, we may care for all that exists,

until Brother Sun and Sister Water produce a harvest shared by all,
in love and solidarity, justice and peace. Amen.

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