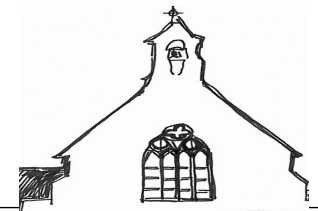


# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Thirty Third Week in Ordinary Time (November 19-25, 2023) 23.44



### Thirty Third Sunday: *Let your light shine!*

**First Reading:** This description of “the perfect wife” sounds outdated to our ears. In the Old Testament, God is compared to the perfect spouse for Israel: and so, the reading might be interpreted as God’s loving attention to detail and work for the good of creation.

**Responsorial Psalm 127:** Doing God’s will in our lives and showing a “fear” (respect) for God brings with it many blessings for humanity.

**Second Reading:** Our mortality makes us mindful of our responsibilities.

**Gospel:** The parable of the talents reminds us that we are, each of us, incredibly blessed (a “talent” was a unit of currency of immense value). Our faith in God invites us to use our gifts well.

### Mass Times this week

<b>Monday – Thursday</b>	<b>Killavullen</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Killavullen 7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>	<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.
- November 21 is the Feast-day of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patronal day of the Presentation Congregation. We wish the local Presentation Sisters and their congregation *una buona festa!*
- *A Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be held at all three Sunday next weekend.*

**May they Rest in God’s Embrace:** The 7.00pm Mass this weekend is offered for those who have died or been buried from our parish over the past twelve months. *Anniversaries:* Tom Dillon (Roscommon); *Died this week:* Eileen Harrington (née Stafford; USA & Castlekevin).

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

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€298	€417
Monthly Buildings Fund	Combined	€1100

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*

**Next weekend** the bi-annual collection for the Sacristans of our churches will take place as a second collection as we leave the church..

**Fr Paul Clayton-Lee writes in this month’s Intercom magazine:** Human beings love to remember, especially our dead on whose shoulders we stand. The ones who made sacrifices for us endured harder times and generally lived shorter lives. During November days we pray for their eternal happiness and give thanks for their contribution to our lives. We also remember, with heavy hearts, those whose lives were cut short and left us too young. This year has witnessed, at home and abroad, a sad litany of young people and children whose lives were cut short. Their families now experiencing intense grief and loss. With an annual death rate of over 30,000 souls each year, Ireland sees tens of thousands of families mourning the loss of loved ones. There are many people wounded by grief walking among us. They too need to be the focus of our prayers, care and support this November.

### **A Prayer of Remembrance for the Faithful departed**

God, our heavenly Father, thank you for the special people in our lives who have gone to their eternal reward, whom we remember this month. We thank you for being a compassionate God who walks with us in our dark moments of loss. We are thankful for all who continue to support us through our grief. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us hope, direction and courage. May we treasure the memories of those people those who cared for us. May they find, with you, eternal happiness and peace, and help us to bring light and hope to others. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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