



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Third Week of Advent (December 17-24, 2023) 23.48



### Third Sunday of Advent: *The Good News*

**First Reading:** Isaiah's prediction of who the Messiah would be was written circa 700BC. Jesus would identify himself with this description at the synagogue in Nazareth (see Luke chapter 4)

**Responsorial Cantic:** From the Magnificat of Mary (Luke 1).

**Second Reading:** Fidelity to God is a source of true happiness and helps to bring about wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

**Gospel:** John the Baptist prepared a way for the Lord. All that we do should in some way be directed to God, rather than our own self-importance.

### Mass Times and other events this this week

<b>Monday – Thursday</b> (No Mass on Friday)	<b>Killavullen</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Friday: Holy Hour &amp; Advent Reconciliation</b>	<b>Killavullen</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Saturday	Vigil Mass	<b>Killavullen 7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	<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.
- *A Children's Liturgies of the Word will take place at all Sunday Masses next weekend (December 23-24).*

**May they Rest in God's Embrace: Anniversaries:** Paddy Lankford (Killavullen); Nora Sheahan (Landscape); Eddie, John and Julia Magner; Catherine, Bill and Seán Dorgan; Denis & Patrick O'Connor (Ballincurrig); John Sheahan (Monanimy); Patrick O'Connell (Benaskehy)

**Died this week:** Jamesie Magner (Ballinraha).

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

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering (incl. Dec 8)	€340	€860
Buildings' Fund (Monthly)	Combined	€870

This weekend the Recessional Collection will be for the St Vincent de Paul Society: the SVP national appeal takes place this weekend. (December 16-17)

**Bon Mot:** You are your real self when no admirers are in sight.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you;  
Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
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**St Paul Sunday Missal 2023-2024:** Copies of the St Paul Sunday Missal for the coming calendar year are available for sale at Church Doors this weekend for the discounted price of €8.

**Nano Nagle Birthplace:** An Advent Reflection Meeting will take place on December 20 (next Wednesday) at 2.30pm (note the time). All are welcome

**Advent Calendar:** for daily prayers and reflections on this season in the Church's year, visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

### Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve Masses	Killavullen	7.00pm
	Annakisha	8.30pm
Christmas Day Masses	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

**Parish Envelopes for 2024:** will be distributed over the coming weeks. Our thanks to those who are distributing the envelopes. The packets also contain a slip for making nominations to a new Pastoral Council which will be formed early next year – these should be returned to the suggestion boxes inside Church doors before Jan. 7.

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At the time of Jesus there was a widespread expectation that God would send a Messiah, a great leader who would usher in a new era of political and religious freedom, a time of peace and prosperity.

Jesus fulfilled God's promise in an unexpected way. He came in humility rather than splendour, in obscurity rather than glory; he came to serve rather than be served; he came to offer pardon rather than seek revenge.

This unexpected Messiah who came as a helpless baby, speaks volumes about how God works in surprising way, through vulnerability, humility and trust. God does not force our obedience, but invites our loyalty, a fidelity from the heart as much as from the mind and expressed by our actions. To love God is to put God at the centre of our lives, as his only Son has shown us to do.