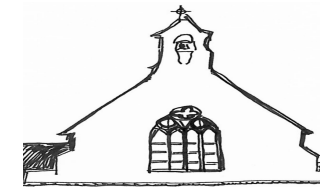


# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Sixth Week of Ordinary Time / Lent (February 11-17, 2024) 24.6



### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Temperance Sunday / World Day of the Sick

*First Reading:* Leprosy was a dreaded skin disease throughout the ancient world (including in Ireland) and was fatal up to modern times. Those who contracted it were considered outcasts. *Who are the outcasts in our times?*

*Psalms 31:* We acknowledge our guilt and turn to the Lord for mercy.

*Second Reading:* Let everything that you do be to the greater glory of God and do not give offence to anyone.

*Gospel:* Jesus demonstrates his power as the Son of God by bringing healing to a man with leprosy. He did not want to be seen as a military Messiah, hence the “Messianic secret” in the Gospel of Mark. But the cured man could not contain himself. Good News is meant to be proclaimed.

### Mass Times this week

<b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>	<b>Killavullen</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Killavullen</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
<i>On this day we are invited to fast between our basic meals and abstain from meat</i>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Killavullen</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
No Mass on Friday		
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Killavullen 7.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</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.
- *Children’s Liturgies of the Word take place at all Sunday Masses next weekend (Feb. 17-18) Please encourage the children in your family to attend.*

**May they Rest in God’s Embrace: Recent Death: Mary Fitzgerald (Killavullen); Anniversaries: Kathleen Curtin (Beenaskehy; Month’s Mind); Stephen Arnold (Powerstown) Marian Flynn; Eoin Forde (Lyraavarrig)**

### **Recent Collections - Thank you for your generosity**

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€260	€625
Diocesan Purposes (Monthly)	Combined	€235

**This weekend** the Monthly collection for the Parish Buildings’ Fund will take place as we leave the church..

### Entrance Hymn -

As we are gathered, Jesus is here;  
One with each other, Jesus is here.  
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood  
part of the body, the Church of God.  
As we are gathered, Jesus is here;  
One with each other, Jesus is here.

### Recessional:

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, with cords that cannot be broken; bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together with love.*  
There is only one God, there is only one King,  
there is only one Body - that is why we sing:

**This Sunday (February 11) is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** and the International Day of Prayer for the sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **this Sunday afternoon in Killavullen Church at 3.00pm**. The sacrament promises healing and hope from the Lord to those who have a serious health condition. It reminds the sick person of God’s love for them and the prayers of God’s people.

**Being the last weekend before the beginning Lent**, today is designated *Temperance Sunday*: A day to plan ahead our Lenten resolutions – Not an easy undertaking in our world which offers so many good things to enjoy. We all know that you can too much of a good thing – drink, sweets, food, phone / game-time, gambling, a favourite entertainment or passion in life - can absorb too much of our time and even become addictive. We can make them into a little god. Saying “no” to some of the good things of life helps us to assert our freedom as children of God. It also shows our solidarity with those who are suffering poverty around the world. Selecting a few Lenten Practices now and embarking on those resolutions with a new heart can make Lent 2024 a season of grace and renewal in our lives. A 2010 pastoral letter of the Irish bishops on the topic penance suggests the following practices during Lent:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- Actively participating in Sunday Mass
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

**BonMot:** It is not the strongest plant or person that survives. It is the most adaptable.