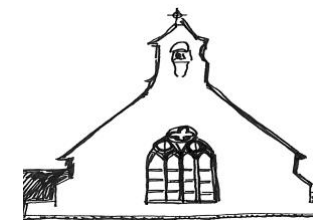


# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Third Week of Easter (April 14-20, 2024) 24.15



## Third Sunday of Easter

*Catechesis:* The fish was an early Christian symbol. This wasn't because many of the first disciples were fishermen, but because the Greek word for fish is made up of the first letter of each word in the sentence: "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour". The first Christians used the fish symbol to sum up their faith.



*First Reading:* The resurrection of Jesus calls us to repent and believe in God.

*Psalms 4* – The light that Christ brings to creation is a source of joy and hope.

*Second Reading:* Loving God means keeping God's commandments.

*Gospel:* The risen Jesus appears to the disciples and dispels their doubts.

## Mass Times this Week

Monday & Thursday	Killavullen	9.00am
Tuesday & Wednesday	Killvullen	9.30am
<i>No Mass on Friday</i>		
Saturday: Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday: 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter	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.
  - *Children's Liturgies of the Word take place at all Sunday Masses this weekend*
- Resting in God's Embrace: Anniversaries:** John Brosnan (Killavullen) Mary O'Sullivan (Castlekevin); Con and Mary McCarthy.

## Collections Last weekend - Go raibh maith agaibh

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€ 370	€450
Diocesan Purposes (Monthly)	Combined:	€240

This weekend the Monthly Collection for the *Parish Buildings' Fund* will take place after Mass. Easter Offerings can be made at this time using an envelope marked "Easter Offering". Thank you.

**Bon Mot: May I live simply, that other may simply live. (Gandhi)**

This is the day (x2)  
 That the Lord has made (x2)  
 Let us rejoice (x2) And be glad in it (x2)  
 This is the day that the Lord has made  
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it  
 This is the day (x2)  
 That the Lord has made

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,*

**Days of retreat** for candidates for Confirmation (*confirmandi*) will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at Killavullen Church beginning at 10.00am. May those preparing to say "Yes" to God and their invitation to become full members of the Catholic Church, experience a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in their lives, reminding them of the gifts that come from God.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Killavullen:** The purchase of Nano Nagle Birthplace by Sister Anthony Moloney, half a century ago will be celebrated on April 26 beginning at 2:00 pm with a prayer service, which will also be live-streamed. This will be followed by refreshments and conversation. Parishioners are invited to attend. If able to do so, please contact the Secretary 022-26411 or email [secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie](mailto:secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie) by April 19 as this information is required for catering purposes.

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

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The Jewish greeting "Shalom" (Peace be with you) is full of meaning and a lot better than "Hi" - it means wishing someone right relationships with themselves, with others and with God. When the risen Lord appeared to his frightened followers, he said "Shalom" – he was the source of their peace.

*Dear God, I am learning to be quiet ...  
 Just to be and know that you are with me.  
 Thank you that I don't need special words to talk to you,  
 or even any words at all. You hold me in the stillness of this moment.*