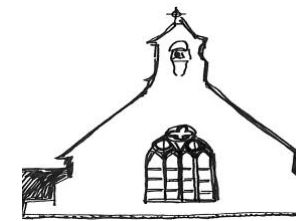


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Fourth Week of Easter (April 21-28, 2024) 24.16



Fourth Sunday of Easter - Day of Prayer for Vocations

Catechesis: Christ, the Good Shepherd, went before us through suffering and death, so that we could follow in safety and live in God's heavenly kingdom.

First Reading: Peter has worked the miracle of healing a crippled man. He acted in the name of the Lord and witnessed to the saving love of Jesus.

Psalms 117 – Christians compared Jesus to the “stone rejected by the builders” who became the cornerstone of a new Covenant.

Second Reading: Be grateful to our God whose love is “lavished” on us.

Gospel: Jesus compares himself to the shepherd who cares for his flock: we are his people the sheep of his flock. *Today we pray for vocations to the religious life and the priesthood, that the care of Christ will be especially evident in the lives of religious sisters, brothers and priests.*

Mass Times this Week

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday	Killavullen	9.00am
Thursday – Confirmation	Killavullen	10.00am
<i>No Mass on Friday</i>		
Saturday	Killavullen	11.00am
Saturday: Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday: 5 th 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 next weekend*

Resting in God's Embrace:

Died this week: Eilish Withers (née Thornhill), Kilcanway.

Collections Last weekend - Go raibh maith agaibh

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€320	€450
Buildings Fund	Combined:	€1170

Bon Mot: “I would rather be an uncomfortable human being than an infinitely happy pig” (John Stuart Mill, 1806-1873, philosopher)

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,*

Killavullen Church Spring Clean: will take place on Monday, April 22 at 7.30pm. Have a word with our sacristans, Anne Hartnett or Marie O'Neill if there is a skill / cleaning implement you can bring to this team effort.

Next Thursday more than 60 children will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. We welcome them as full members of the Church and pray that the Holy Spirit will help to share the love, joy and peace of God. As part of the preparations, the candidates wrote letters of application to Bishop Crean, here are some of the sentiments that the children shared:

“At Confirmation I will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit – wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord – which have been with me since my Baptism but now will come out more strongly as I become a full member of the Church.”

“I want to be confirmed because I want to deepen my relationship with Jesus. I know that when I receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, I will be more fully equipped to face the challenges that I will have in the future. I want my Catholic faith to always be a big part of my life, and I know that confirmation will give me the grace I need to keep it like that.”

“Once I am confirmed I will go to Mass on Sundays and try to go to Confession more often. When I am older I would like to join the choir or be a reader.”

“I would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation to confirm my religious faith. I am ready to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and embrace my responsibilities as a confirmed Catholic.”

50th Anniversary of Nano Nagle Birthplace, Ballygriffin, Killavullen: will be celebrated next Friday (April 26) at 2:00pm. The prayer service will also be live-streamed at www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie Parishioners who would like to attend are asked to reserve a place with the Secretary 022-26411 or email secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie by Monday, April 22.