



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## First Week of Advent (December 1-7, 2024) 24.46



### **First Sunday of Advent - Wake up to God's presence**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah dreamt of a new covenant when God would send a Messiah to lead people out of slavery and back to the promised land. In Advent we renew our commitment to "practice honesty and integrity."

**Psalm:** A prayer that we will alter course and walk in the ways of God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** The prayer of St Paul and the Church for each of us this Advent is that God will "confirm our hearts in holiness".

**Gospel:** There are many things in life that make us afraid. Fear is a crippling emotion that can also lead us into self-pity. By raising our minds and hearts to God we can find the courage to overcome our fears. Our liberation is at hand when we accept Christ.

### **Mass-times this Week**

**Monday to Thursday** Killavullen 9.00am

No Mass on Friday

**Saturday: Vigil Mass** Killavullen 7.00pm

**Sunday** 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.
- The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be Celebrated this weekend.

**May they Rest in God's Embrace: Recent Deaths:** Mons. Denis O'Callaghan, vicar general; Maureen O'Hanlon, (Castlepooke) **Anniversaries:** Breda O'Keefe (Annakisha); Paddy Lankford (Killavullen);

### **Collections Last weekend - Buíochas libh.**

|                        | Annakisha | Killavullen |
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| Weekly Offering        | €360      | €420        |
| Sacristans' Collection | Combined  | €1325       |

**The recessional collection this weekend** is the Monthly Collection for Diocesan Purposes.

**Safeguarding:** A Meeting of the Parish's Safeguarding committee will take place on Wednesday next (December 4) at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

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O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

**A Meeting for Parents / Guardians** with children preparing for Reconciliation and Communion for the First Time will take Place at the Nano Nagle Birthplace this Monday (December 2) at 7.30pm

**Advent Reflection at Nano Nagle Birthplace:** Please join the Presentation Sisters who will lead a prayer service on the Wednesday afternoons of Advent from 2.30-3.00pm, beginning this Wednesday, December 4.

**Parish Registration** – About 170 households are registered with our parish office and each year receive a box of envelopes which can be used for making financial contributions for the maintenance of the parish and its priest. 2025 boxes will be available from mid-December. If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a registered household by taking away one of the volunteer forms this weekend for return next weekend. (If you would like to have your name taken off the 2025 list, please contact the Parish Office).

**Over fifty people took part at last Sunday afternoon's demonstration for peace in the Holy Land and Lebanon at Annakisha Church.** The event was organised by our Pastoral Council in conjunction with Trócaire. It took place on the Cycle Paths of the new section of the N73 which had opened on the previous day. The N73 was closed to traffic in the Autumn of 2023, about the same time that the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land escalated into its present devastating proportions. The meeting began with a Prayer Service for Peace. It included a statement from Caoimhe de Barra, the CEO of Trócaire, read on her behalf by Fr Eugene Baker, its Cloyne Diocesan Director. It called "for arms to be laid down, for hostages to be returned home and for the people of Gaza to be supported with humanitarian aid." In his own remarks, Fr Baker added that the day's solidarity demonstration would in some small way contribute to the building of Christ's Kingdom of peace with justice. During the Prayer Service each participant lit a candle for peace at the altar. Many thanks to all who walked, last Sunday, in solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza and for your generous donation of €1650 to the work of Trócaire.

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