



## Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

### Second Week of Advent (December 8-14, 2024) 24.47



#### **Second Sunday of Advent The Joy of Salvation**

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading:* The prophet Baruch reminds the people that if they practice integrity over the course of our lives, God's glory will be made known.

*Psalms 125:* For those who are faithful to God, sorrow gives way to joy.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:* St Paul writes a warm greeting to the people of Philippi, the Greek city he visited between 49 and 51AD.

*Gospel:* John the Baptist celebrated with a bathing ritual in the river Jordan, those who decided to make a fresh start in their lives. God's salvation always happens at a particular time and place, including right now, when we have a change of heart and turn towards God.

*This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) is transferred to Monday, December 9, and is celebrated as a solemnity rather than a Holyday of Obligation.*

#### **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: Died this week:** Rose Buckley (née Kelly, Killavullen and Mallow, whose funeral takes place at the 11.30am Mass today)

**Anniversaries:** Timmy Sheehan (Monanimy); Michael Kenneally (Slumber Hill); Margaret Lane (Castlekevin, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Collections Last weekend - Buíochas libh.**

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€255	€400
Diocesan Purposes	Combined	€150

**The recessional collection this weekend** is the Monthly Collection for the Parish Buildings' Fund. This week the belfry (bell tower) at Killavullen was repaired.

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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 a child preparing for baptism will take place next Monday, December 16 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

**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, continuing beginning this Wednesday, December 11

**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 next weekend. 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 this week.

**Safeguarding Message from Bishop William Crean 2024:** “As we come to the close of another year, I write to update you on ongoing developments in the Diocese in relation to the safeguarding. Our challenge is to follow the example of Jesus in cherishing children and vulnerable adults. Consistent with Gospel values, and with civil and criminal law, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children and young people are welcomed, cherished and protected. Similarly in relation to vulnerable adults, all have the right to be safe and to live a life free from abuse. All people are entitled to this right regardless of their circumstances. Two training sessions have taken place during the year for the priests of the Diocese in this area. Another development during the year was the launch of a new Diocesan Website with many resources in relation to safeguarding now readily available at [cloynediocese.ie/diocese/safeguarding](http://cloynediocese.ie/diocese/safeguarding) I encourage you to visit the Cloyne Diocesan Website and familiarise yourself with the resources it offers.” *This week our own parish's safeguarding committee met to complete its annual safeguarding audit for the diocese's oversight committee.*

**BonMot:** The expert in anything was once a beginner.

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