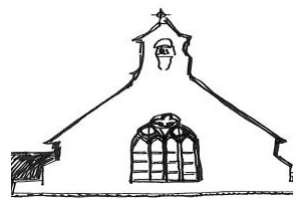


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Third Week of Advent (December 15-21, 2024) 24.48



Third Sunday of Advent *Gaudete in Domino ... always rejoice in the Lord*

First Reading: The prophet Zephaniah wrote in the Seventh Century before Christ, at a time when Israel was at a low ebb. He predicted a coming “Day of the Lord” when God’s justice would prevail.

Psalm: When we recognise our fragility, we trust in God’s salvation.

Second Reading: For St Paul, faith in Jesus Christ brings true joy to life.

Gospel: Three groups come before John looking for advice on how they could show *metanoia* (repentance) towards God. To the average lay person, he says: “share your possessions with others”. To the tax collectors, who were renowned for their corruption, he says, “Don’t cheat”. To the soldiers of Rome and King Herod he says: “Don’t abuse your power”. While John baptizes with water, Christ will baptize with God’s own Spirit: his coming is a decisive moment in history. He will separate the wheat from the chaff.

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 NEXT weekend.

May they Rest in God’s Embrace: Anniversaries: Peter Rafferty (Commane); Birdie Griffin (Wallstown); Dens and Patrick O’Connor (Ballincurragh); Maria Elena Villarreal (1st anniversary). John and Patricia Sheahan (Monanimy)

Collections Last weekend - Buíochas libh.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€325	€295
Monthly Buildings Fund	Combined	€1050

Saint Vincent de Paul Society - Annual Christmas Appeal: for the support of the work of SVP for those in most need in our area will take place following Masses this weekend.

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.

Advent Reflection at Nano Nagle Birthplace: Please join the Presentation Sisters who are leading a prayer service on the Wednesday afternoons of Advent from 2.30-3.00pm, continuing this Wednesday, December 18.

Advent Service of Prayer and Song: will take place in Killavullen Church next Thursday, December 19 from 7.00-8.00pm, with children from Killavullen NS leading the service of nine readings and songs, to help us prepare for the Nativity of Jesus. All are welcome.

Parish Envelopes 2025 – The envelope packets for 2025 have been prepared for distribution before year’s end year. Our thanks to those who are assisting with the distribution of the envelopes together with a Christmas letter. If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a registered household by completing one of the registration forms and returning the same next weekend.

Pre-Christmas Preparations: The Crib will be removed from storage in Killavullen Church following the Vigil Mass this weekend. A cleaning of Annakisha Church will take place on Saturday, December 21, at 10.30am

Parish Finance Council: A meeting will take place next Wednesday evening at the Parish Office in Ballygriffin.

An Advent Prayer: O God, great beyond words and song, source of activity & goal of silence, we offer Advent prayer & praise to you. Out of the noise and busyness we cry out for moments of silence and rest. Teach us to fill in the dark valley of hate and to level the mountains of pride. Let the vision of Isaiah and the discipline of John the Baptist touch our hearts and shape our conduct. May the truth of your grace and mercy spring forth in the midst of our struggle for silence. May we be on alert, Father, for the secret arrival of the Wonder-Counselor and Prince of Peace who came down from heaven to raise us to new life. We make this prayer the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

BonMot: *Accept what is, let go of what was and have faith in what will be.*