



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Fourth Week of Advent / Christmastide (December 22-28, 2024) 24.49



Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: The prophet Micah predicts that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem, the least of the towns of Judea.

Responsorial Psalm: A prayer that God will protect us in times of danger.

2nd Reading: Jesus Christ established a new covenant with God.

Gospel: The story of the Visitation, one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Mary and Elizabeth share the joy of the Good News.

Mass-times and Liturgies this Week

Monday, December 23	Killavullen	9.00am
<u>Holy Hour and Confessions</u>	Killavullen	7.00pm
Christmas Eve	Killavullen	7.00pm
	Annakisha	8.30pm
Christmas Day	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am
Saint Stephen's Day	Annakisha	9.00am
Friday, December 27	Killavullen	9.00am
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
- The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be Celebrated this weekend.

May they Rest in God's Embrace: Anniversaries: Catherine, Bill and Seán Dorgan (Toureen); John and Patricia Sheahan (Monanimy); Mary Norris (1st anniversary, Castlekevin); John, Julia and Edmond Magner (Ballymacmoy).

Recently: William Molan (Castlekevin), whose funeral took place this weekend

Collections Last weekend - Buíochas libh.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€265	€470

Christmas Offerings for the Financial Support of your Priest can be made at this time, using one of the envelopes provided. Thank you.

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.

Recessional Antiphon:

Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Advent Reflection and Prayer at Nano Nagle Birthplace: the series of prayer-reflections on this season continues this Monday (December 23) from 2.30-3.00pm. All are welcome.

Parish Envelopes 2025 – The Christmas letter and envelopes for 2025 are being distributed. Thanks to those who are assisting with this task. If not already, please consider becoming a registered household by completing one of the registration forms and returning the same to the sacristy or Fr Gerard.

Message from Trócaire Cork to our parish (December 13, 2024): “Sincere thanks to all who were involved in the recent *Solidarity Walk for the People of the Holy Land*. It was a very heartening and compassionate initiative. The participants generous donation of €1,650 has been allocated to our humanitarian work in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel. Through our local partners on the ground we are providing support to thousands of people in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon. The support includes medical supplies, food, water, hygiene kits, shelter materials and supports for the protection of women and children. Thank you for supporting humanity at this difficult time. Please continue to keep communities and families in this area in your prayers.” (Janet Twomey, www.Trócaire.org)

These final days in the lead up to Christmas are always busy and can be stressful. Our advertising-filled, product-based, culture bombards our minds (and our wallets) with images of perfect homes and tables overladen with (mostly rubbishy) foods (much of which will go to waste in a world where 10% of people are still hungry). The season of Advent is a call to live according to a different agenda: to keep empty spaces in our lives and honour the presence of God. As the 15th century mystic Meister Eckhart put it, “God is at home in our world, it's we who have gone out for a walk.” Your body, mind and spirit will thank you for taking time each day for prayer, alone and with others. Like Mary and Elizabeth in today's Gospel may we experience God's blessing, be reconciled to God and prepare to welcome our Saviour.