



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time (Aug. 24-30, 2025) 25.34



Twenty First Sunday Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah, writing 700 years before Christ, dreams of a new covenant, where all the nations will honour the one God.

Psalms 116: God's faithful love is Good News to experienced and shared.

Second Reading: The guidance that comes from religion may be "far from pleasant" in its challenge, but like the correction that comes from a loving parent, it is made with our best interests in mind.

Gospel: The Kingdom of God, as preached by Jesus was rejected by many of those closest to him. It would instead be welcomed by many others.

Confessions: The sacrament of reconciliation is celebrated at 6.30pm on Saturday evenings in Killavullen Church and at any time requested.

Mass times this Week

Monday to Wednesday	Killavullen	9.00am
No Mass on Thursday		
Friday	Killavullen	6.30pm
Saturday: Sunday Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

May they Rest in God's Embrace:

Anniversaries: Mary Hickey (Kilcanway).

Recent Collection – *Míle buíochas*

	<i>Annakisha</i>	<i>Killavullen</i>
July 27, Weekly Offering	€210	€590
August 3, Weekly Off.	€185	€440
Diocesan Purposes	<i>Combined</i>	€180
Missionaries of Africa	Mission Appeal	€750
August 10, Weekly Off.	€230	€475
August Buildings Fund	<i>Combined</i>	€10
August 17, Weekly Off.	€270	€510

Killavullen Community Council: A Community Café will take place *at Nano Nagle Birthplace* on Tuesday, August 26 from 10.30-12.30pm. All welcome.

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Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine

through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gathered today

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

give me joy in my heart, I pray;

give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

keep me praising till the break of day:

Refrain: *Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,*
sing hosanna to the King of kings!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

sing hosanna to the King!

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,

Last Friday, Catholics across Ireland joined the appeal of Pope Leo XIV in making time for prayer and reflection on the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Excerpts from the message of Archbishop Eamon Martin (excerpts):

Ten weeks ago, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland dedicated the month of June as a special time of prayer for peace and for solidarity with the suffering people of Gaza. This weekend (I appeal) for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Sadly, since June, the situation in Gaza has become steadily worse. The people there continue to be cruelly crushed by hunger, violence, death and destruction. I join the heartfelt appeal of Pope Leo XIV for "a ceasefire, the release of hostages, and full respect for international humanitarian law."

The Irish Bishops made it clear in June that genocidal actions sanctioned by the government in Israel are resulting in the death of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children. "This is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity." We know that people in parishes across the country are deeply troubled by stark and horrific images from Gaza of starving children and helpless, hungry families. The cruel actions of Hamas in continuing to keep hostages, and the bodies of hostages, away from their families is also to be unreservedly condemned. I encourage you to continue to show solidarity in whatever way you can: by lobbying your political representatives, supporting humanitarian aid and praying for an end to the conflict and the resumption of peace.. ..

Pray also for our Christian brothers and sisters among the Palestinian populations in Gaza and on the West Bank who are witnessing daily to peace and non-violence, even amid provocation and attacks. As Cardinal Pizzaballa (Patriarch of Jerusalem) said: "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering."

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