



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (September 7-13, 2025) 25.36



Twenty Third Sunday *Choosing to follow the way of Christ.*

First Reading: The mystery of life reflects the mystery of God. It is the higher Wisdom that comes from God that helps us know our true purpose in life, even if we lack a full understanding.

Second Reading: In the shortest book of the Bible, St Paul appeals on behalf of Onesimus, a runaway slave, to his former owner, Philemon. Our common bond in Christ makes us merciful to one another.

Gospel: Being a disciple of Christ is a demanding choice: In the time the Gospel was written, in the First Century, it involved turning against your own family. In our times, too, being a Christian is counter-cultural. But the Gospel also advocates *prudence* and *pragmatism* in all that we do.

• *Children's worksheets on today's Gospel are at church doorways*

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	Ballygown Nat. School	<u>10.00am</u>
Tuesday	Killavullen	<u>9.45am</u>
Wednesday	Killavullen	<u>9.00am</u>
No Mass on Thursday		
Friday	Killavullen	7.00pm
Saturday: <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

May they Rest in God's Embrace:

Month's Mind: Seán Walsh (Benaskehy)

Last Weekend's Collection – Míle buíochas

	<i>Annakisha</i>	<i>Killavullen</i>
Weekly Offering	€410	€295

This weekend there is a recessional collection for Diocesan Purposes

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,

To mark the 2025 Season of Creation (Sept. 1- October 4), the Vatican has published a new Mass setting, which will be used at Masses this weekend and throughout this month which highlights the gift of the natural world.

New Altar-Servers and Readers of the Word of God are welcome to join the rota of those who assist at Sunday Mass for 2025-2026. There is a parental permission form for altar-servers. Please contact Fr Gerard if you would like to volunteer for either of these two important Church ministries.

Last weekend, the Irish Bishops' published *Why Sunday Matters*, a new pastoral letter on Sunday Mass. The letter reflects on three aspects of what the Mass means... Part One, Communion: "Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (*John 14:6*). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and **communion** with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (*Luke 24:35*), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.

BonMot: Life becomes easier and more beautiful
when we see the good in other people.