



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time (Sept. 14-20, 2025) 25.37



### ***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.***

**First Reading:** As the people travelled through the desert they were bitten by snakes. Moses transformed the threat into a sign of healing.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and full of compassion.

**Second Reading:** The generous humility (*kenosis*, self-emptying) of Jesus was vindicated by God in his resurrection. Jesus is Lord of creation with power over sin and death

**Gospel:** The cross used to be a sign of death and shame. Jesus has made it a sign of healing and salvation.

• *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 to Thursday		9.00am
No Mass on Friday		
Saturday: Sunday Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

**May they Rest in God's Embrace: Recent Death:** Jennifer Sleeman

(Clonakilty and Killuragh); **Month's Mind:** John Lane (Ballygown)

**Anniversaries:** Michael Magner (Shinnick Place, Castletownroche); Jim Thornhill (Kilcanway); Mary Luddy (Barrett's Terrace).

### **Last Weekend's Collection – Míle buíochas**

	<i>Annakisha</i>	<i>Killavullen</i>
Weekly Offering	€270	€485
Diocesan Purposes	<i>Combined</i>	€180

**This weekend** the monthly collection for the Parish Buildings Fund will take place as we leave Mass. **Next weekend** the annual collection for the seminarians and trainee-deacons in Cloyne diocese will take place. Our diocese now has four seminarians and a number of candidates for the diaconate.

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

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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,

**Copies of the New Altar Servers Rota are available from the sacristy. A new Rota for Readers of the Word of God is now being prepared for 2025-2026.** Please contact Fr Gerard if you would like to read in Church or have your name taken off the rota this year.

**Killavullen Parish Choir** resumes regular practices this Monday (September 15) at 8.00pm in Killavullen Church. New members are welcome. For further information contact Cathy Dingivan at 086-3952789.

**Congratulations to Killavullen Art Group**, who are presently staging an exhibition of recent paintings at Mallow Library.

**This month in parishes throughout Ireland the new Pastoral Letter of the Irish Bishops' *Why Sunday Matters***, is receiving special attention in parishes:

**Part Two: Participation:** The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith. *The full text of this letter will be the subject for discussion at the Parish Pastoral Council next Wednesday (September 18) at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.*

**BonMot:** *To wish you were someone else is to waste the person you are.*

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