



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## First Week of Advent (November 30 – December 6, 2025) 25.48



### First Sunday of Advent

**First Reading:** In ancient times mountains were considered the dwelling place of God. Isaiah imagines the people of Israel, setting themselves apart from their present situation by climbing God's holy mountain. May we use this season of Advent to "walk in the light of the Lord."

**Second Reading:** St Paul tells the Romans that it is time to wake up to God's presence and to let Christ be our guiding light.

**Gospel:** Today's Gospel has a number of images for being prepared for every eventuality in life: Noah and his family (Genesis 9-11) were prepared for the catastrophic flood; the householder was alert to the security of his dwelling place. God is present to us, but we are not always present to God. Being alert and open to the moments when God comes into our lives is something we can practice today, and not put on the long finger. *The sacrament of reconciliation is celebrated at 6.30pm on Saturdays in the Reconciliation Room of Killavullen Church or at any time requested. Children's worksheets for today are available at church doorways. A Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place next weekend.*

### Mass times this Week

Monday to Thursday	Killavullen	9.00am
<i>No Mass on Friday</i>		
Saturday: <i>Sunday Vigil Mass Advent Two</i>	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

**May they Rest in God's Embrace: Month's Mind: Sheila Cronin (Minos).**

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

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€220	€490
Parish Sacristans	Combined	€1,655

**Advent Wreath:** its circular shape and evergreen leaves remind us of eternity. Its growing light tells us that Christ is the light that overcomes darkness, week by week. The purple candles represents penance. It is traditional for a young member of the community to light each candle as the weeks progress.

**BonMot:** Being beside yourself could make a very unattractive couple.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you;

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

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

*Shine through the darkness, Christ, be our*

*light! Shine in your Church gathered today*

Wait for the Lord,

his day is near,

Wait for the Lord,

be strong, take heart.

(Taizé)

**Advent Booklet:** copies of *Walk with Me, a journey of Prayer for the Advent Jubilee* are at Church doorways. The booklet contains a daily reflection and prayer intention for the coming month and Christmastide. Suggested donation: €1-2 per copy.

**At Masses this weekend** we welcome families with a child /children preparing for Confirmation or Communion for the First Time next year. At Mass today, children, with their parents are invited to reflect on the commitment they are making:

- In prayer, we listen attentively to God's presence. Will you try to make time to pray to God every day?
- At Mass, we receive the Body of Christ and so celebrate communion with God and our neighbour. Will you try to join your community for Sunday Mass each week?
- Jesus taught us to have respect, tolerance and compassion. Will you try to imitate Jesus by living as he asks?
- When we sin, we damage our relationship with ourselves, with God with others and with all creation. Will you celebrate God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Volunteering / Registration:** If you have recently moved to the parish or would like to become a Registered Member please complete one of the forms at the back of the Church. The form also includes sections for volunteering in various roles in our parish. The completed forms can be returned to the suggestion box at church doorways or to the parish office at P51NX22.

**Advent Prayers at Nano Nagle Birthplace take place each Tuesday of Advent** at 2:30pm, continuing this December 2. "A gentle, reflective space as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Each week, we'll explore a different Advent theme: Hope, Peace, Love and Joy." [www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie](http://www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie)

### **An Advent Prayer (Henri Nouwen)**

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
We who have so much to do  
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
We who are anxious over many things  
look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways  
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We whose hearts are heavy  
seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness,  
yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"



*We pray that this Advent may be a time marked  
by simplicity, calmness and quietness  
as we wait in hope and wonder  
for Jesus who is present in our lives now  
and whose future reign is coming.*