



## Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

### Second Week of Advent (December 7 - 13, 2025)

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#### **Second Sunday of Advent - Make a pathway for God.**

**First Reading:** The coming of the Messiah will usher in a new era of peace when the gifts of wisdom and the knowledge of God will be made available to all people.

**Second Reading:** St Paul tells the Romans that should treat each other in the same friendly way as “Christ treated you.”

**Gospel:** John the Baptist is a fearsome figure, especially critical of the Pharisees, who don’t practice what they preach. He prepares a way for the Messiah by his uncluttered lifestyle and by sharing his faith openly.

*A Children’s Liturgy of the Word will take place at Masses this weekend*

*The sacrament of reconciliation is celebrated at 6.30pm on Saturdays in the Reconciliation Room of Killavullen Church or at any time requested.*

#### **Mass times this Week**

**Monday, December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Annakisha 10.00am  
Killavullen 7.00pm

**Tuesday** Funeral: Kathleen O’Sullivan (Carrig) Annakisha 11.00am

**Wednesday and Thursday** Killavullen 9.00am

*No Mass on Friday*

**Saturday: Sunday Vigil Mass Advent Three** Killavullen 7.00pm

**Sunday** Annakisha 10.00am

Killavullen 11.30am

**Resting in the Lord:** Michael Kenneally (Slumberhill); Margaret Lane (Castlekevin); Timmy Sheahan (Monanimy); Kitty OCallaghan (Ballingurrane)

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

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€280	€505

**The recessional collection** today is the monthly collection for the Cloyne Diocesan Purposes fund.

**The annual Saint Vincent de Paul Society** collection will take place following Masses next weekend (December 13-14).

**BonMot:** Shape is something you stay within, if you stay without.

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*

Prepare ye the way of the Lord,

Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

(Taizé)

**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 9. “A gentle, reflective space as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Each week a different Advent theme is explored: Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.” [www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie](http://www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie)

**Pre-Baptism:** The next meeting for families with an infant preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism will be December 15 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

#### **Reflecting on today’s Gospel ....**

- John the Baptist’s message is a stark call to “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” He condemns the religious leaders’ empty reliance on their privileged ancestry. *Is your faith a matter of genuine transformation, producing a ‘fruitful’ life or purely external?*
- John’s role was to prepare the way for the Lord, making ‘straight paths for him’. This involves honest self-examination. *What ‘mountains’ of pride or ‘valleys’ of apathy in my life need to be levelled to make a clear, unobstructed path for God’s kingdom to reign?*
- John speaks of the coming Messiah who will ‘baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.’ *Fire refines and purges. What is in our lives that needs the Holy Spirit’s purifying fire?*
- The image of the winnowing fork, used at harvest time, is one of ultimate separation and accountability. It reminds us that our choices have eternal consequences. *Does the reality of final judgment influence my daily decisions and my desire to live a good life characterized by fidelity and integrity?* (Intercom, Dec. 2025)

**BonMot:** The beginning of wisdom is to have a good look at the obvious.

### **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.*