



# Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

## Fourth Week of Advent & Christmas (Dec. 21-27, 2025) 25.51



### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**First reading:** Writing in the Seventh Century BC, Isaiah anticipate the Messiah born of a maiden. **Second Reading:** King David, who lived circa 1000BC, was regarded as the first Messiah (anointed one of God); For St Paul, Jesus was the new Messiah, chosen by God to make a new covenant that would last forever.

**Gospel:** Joseph was engaged to marry Mary when she was found to be “with child through the Holy Spirit.” In his dreams he is told by an angel that Mary’s child is “Emmanuel”, which means “God-with-us.”

**A Children’s Liturgy** 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 & Tuesday

Killavullen 9.00am

Christmas Eve

Killavullen 6.30pm

Christmas Day

Annakisha 8.00pm

St Stephen’s Day (Friday)

Annakisha 10.00am

Saturday: Sunday Vigil Mass

Killavullen 11.30am

Sunday

Killavullen 9.00am

Killavullen 7.00pm

Annakisha 10.00am

Killavullen 11.30am

**Resting in God’s Embrace: Anniversaries:** Margaret James and John Power (Commane); William Molan (Castlekevin); John and Julia Magner; Eddie and Kathleen Magner (Ballymacmoy).

### Last Weekend’s Collection - *Míle buíochas*

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€280	€485
Buildings Fund	combined	€1,180

**Christmas Offerings**, for the income of your priest can be made at this time using an envelope marked “Christmas Offerings”. Thank you.

**BonMot:** A mosquito can make you like flies better.

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*

### Recessional chant:

Wait for the Lord,  
his day is near,  
Wait for the Lord,  
be strong, take heart. (Taizé)

**Preparing ourselves for Christmas:** A Holy Hour with an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Monday, December 22, from 7.00-8.00pm in Killavullen Church. All are welcome to this time to pray in silence before the Blessed Sacrament and prepare inwardly so that Christ can be born anew in us this Christmas.

**2026 Packs for Registered Households:** are being distributed at this time. If your household would like to register in this parish please complete a “Volunteering and Registration” form available at Church doorways and return to the sacristy, the Parish Office or the Church offertory box.

**Colds and ‘Flu –** In this winter season we ask that you take greater care so as not to communicate a cold or flu virus. Hand sanitizer is available at church doorways. At the Sign of Peace you might consider giving your neighbour a gracious salute or a fist bump rather than the traditional handshake. There is an opportunity for greater social distancing in the front seats of the church.

**A day of prayer with Eucharistic Adoration** will be led by Fr John Keane and Mary Lehane at the **Shalom Retreat Centre** (former Convent of Mercy) Charleville on Tue., Dec. 30, from 10.45--5.00pm. To book a place email [shalom.retreatcentre2025@gmail.com](mailto:shalom.retreatcentre2025@gmail.com) or call 083-4405359.

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Blessed are you, Lord God, holy is your name.

You have sent your Son to be one of us.

You love your creation with deepest love.

Great is your mercy for your people

You fill your children with joy.

You call us to praise your name

Look with love upon your holy Church

Send the Spirit of your Son into our hearts this Christmas.

