



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Octave of Christmas (Dec. 28, 2025 - January 3, 2026) 25.52



Feast of the Holy Family

First reading: One of the Wisdom books of the Old Testament counsels respect for our parents. Observing the Fourth Commandment (“Honour your parents”) is a religious as well as a social obligation.

Second Reading: A beautiful description from the writings of Saint Paul of the qualities that make up happy family and community life: kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; also, prayer together. In this way, "the message of Christ, in all its richness, can find a home with" us.

Gospel: The Holy Family were refugees, forced to flee to Egypt soon after the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. Tradition has it that they went through Gaza on the journey. They attempted to return home when Herod the Great died, but on learning that his successor, was also a tyrant, decided to settle in Nazareth, in northern Israel

A Children's worksheet is available at Church doorways.

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

No Mass on Friday

Saturday: *Sunday Vigil Mass*

Sunday: (2nd Sunday of Christmas)

Killyvullen 7.00pm

Khavulli 7.00pm
Annakisha 10.00am

Kinnaksha 10.00am
Killavullen 11.30am

Resting in God's Embrace: Anniversaries: Pat Canavan (Kilquane); Kathleen Looney; Seán O'Sullivan (Rahan); Bridget Horgan (Castlekevin) Eugene Whelan (Annakisha); Brian & Breda Morrisroe (Kilcanway).

Last Weekend's Collection – *Míle buíochas*

	<i>Annakisha</i>	<i>Killavullen</i>
Weekly Offering	€295	€625

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

BonMot: *The family is one of nature's masterpieces.* (G. Santayana)

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

The tree outside my window
Where springtime blossoms grow
Is green with leaves in summer
'Till autumn breezes blow
Them down in golden showers
To tumble through the air
And leave the winter branches
All barren, bleak and bare.

The tree outside my window
On cold December nights
Is bare of leaves and blossoms
But bright with Christmas lights
That twinkle in the branches
Where we have woven them
Like stars above the stable
That night in Bethlehem

That night in Bethlehem!
(Finbar O'Connor)

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water, framed by bare trees in the foreground. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. A small green light is visible in the water near the bottom center.

The annual pre-Christmas collection for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society raised €810. Thank you for your generosity which goes to supporting local families and individuals in need.

BonMot: Families are like branches on a tree: we grow in different directions, yet our roots remain the same.