



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Second Week of Christmas (January 4-10, 2026) 26.1



Second Sunday of Christmas

First reading: The Wisdom of God has pitched her tent among God's people. *An Old Testament reading which, as Christians, we believe has found its fulfilment in Jesus of Nazareth.*

Second Reading: God has chosen us in Christ and we have become God's adopted sons and daughters through our baptism. *May our mind be enlightened, this year, to see what the Lord's promise holds for us.*

Gospel: The Word of God became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth and lived among us. John the Baptist was the first to give witness to Jesus. *May we too be filled with God's grace and truth.*

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

Monday & Wednesday	Killavullen	9.00am
Tuesday: Feast of the Epiphany	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	7.00pm
<i>No Mass on Thursday or Friday</i>		
Saturday: Sunday Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday: (Baptism of the Lord)	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

Resting in God's Embrace: *Anniversaries:* David Mellerick (Ballingurane); Julia Aherne; Ted Meaney (Month's Mind; Ballymacmoy); Nollag Moakley (Clenor). **Died this Week:** Fred Scully (Carrigacunna & Mallow); Ted Griffin (Ballygown & Cork)

Last Weekend's Collection – Míle buíochas

	<i>Annakisha</i>	<i>Killavullen</i>
Weekly Offering	€301	€575

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

BonMot: Most of the world is not against you. Take off you spectacles.

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"

O Come All Ye Faithful Joyful and triumphant, O
come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and
behold Him,
Born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light
that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light
and safer than a known way".

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills
and the breaking of day.

(from, *The Gate of the Year*, by Minnie Haskins)

"The world needs peace, and there is no better promoter of peace than the Gospel message." (Pope Leo XIV, January 1, 2026)

Feast of the Epiphany: The word "epiphany" is a Greek word means "manifestation" or "revelation" – On January 6 we celebrate the revelation of Jesus to the three Maji and through them to the wider world. They had sought God's presence through the guidance of a star (nature as a pointer to God's presence). When they found the Lord, they gave him gifts of gold (to recognise him as a king), frankincense (to honour his divine nature) and myrrh, which would be used to anoint his body when he died to save us.

