



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Fifth Week of Lent (March 22-28, 2026) 26.12



Fifth Sunday of Lent *Christ helps us to see in a new way.*

First Reading: Following the destruction of Jerusalem (597BC), Ezekiel writes in the hope of a new covenant, when those who died would be raised to new life.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is a redeemer, that is, brings us back out of our slavery to sin and death.

Second Reading: The Spirit of God is something more than our own human spirit; it justifies us in a way that we can never achieve by our own merits alone.

Gospel: Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus is restored to his family and friends who mourn his loss alongside Jesus. Loss and death itself is part of the human experience. Like Jesus, we weep at our losses in life. But we also put our faith in him who raises us to new life.

- *There will be a children's Liturgy of the Word 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.

Church Mass-times this Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	Killavullen	9.00am
	<i>No Mass on Thursday or Friday</i>	
Saturday:	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday:	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

Resting in God's Embrace: Anniversaries: Michael Leahy (Carrig); Ned Quirke (Hunting Hill); **Recent death:** Tom Walsh (Ballymagooly)

Last Weekend's Collection - Míle buíochas

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€205	€420
Chaplaincy to Emigrants	Annual Collection	€560

BonMot: Gradually replace all "musts", "shoulds", "oughts" and "have to" with personal moral choices in your life.

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

Grant To Us, O Lord, A Heart Renewed; Recreate in us your Own Spirit, Lord! Behold, The Days Are Coming, Says The Lord Our God, When I will make a New Covenant with the House of Israel.

Parish Pastoral Council: The Way of the Cross at Nano Nagle Cosmic Walk – will take place this Sunday (March 22) afternoon at 3.00pm; assemble at entrance to main building. The walk will take approximately 45 minutes. The text of the Stations is from Trocaire and will feature references to the work of Irish Church's development agency in seventeen countries, including Rwanda, which is featured in this year's Lenten campaign. Following the walk there will be afternoon tea at Nano Nagle Birthplace. All are welcome. *"Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice. Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and can be overcome and eradicated by the action of human beings."* (Nelson Mandela)

Nano Nagle Birthplace: Lenten Reflection - on the Wednesdays of Lent at 2.30pm for 30 minutes, continuing this week, March 8. All are welcome

Lenten Stations - : If you would like to host a Station Mass in your area this Lent, especially if you have not done so in recent years. Upcoming Stations:

- **Friday, March 27 at 7.30pm: Brid Cronin (Powerstown);**
- Monday, March 30 at 7.30pm: Michael Moakley (Clenor)

Lenten Offerings – which contribute to the income of your priest, can be given at this time. Thank you.

Killavullen Community Council – the next community café will take place on Tuesday, March 24 between 10.30-1230 in the Hall. All are welcome.

Comment on the Current War in the Middle East: "Embracing the world with the compassion of Christ means that we make our own the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. While the effects of the most recent war in the Middle East—a war both unjust and unjustifiable—are felt by us all, what we feel is nothing compared to what is inflicted on our sisters and brothers whose lives and lands are reduced to rubble by the munitions of the powerful far away. It is the poor, and the vulnerable — who pay the real price of war. It is earth itself—scorched and poisoned—God's gift for every creature, our Common Home, that is gravely wounded. Must the disciples of Christ not cry out?" Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin, 17.3.2026.

Killavullen PPC - 22 March 2026 – at 3.00pm

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the Stations of the Cross

– for ourselves and for the work of Trócaire

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2. Jesus accepts his cross
3. Jesus fall for the first time
4. Jesus meets his mother, Mary
5. Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross
6. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
7. Jesus fall for the second time
8. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls for the third time.
10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes.
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross after his death.
- 14 Jesus is placed in the tomb

After each station all say together:

***Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.***

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