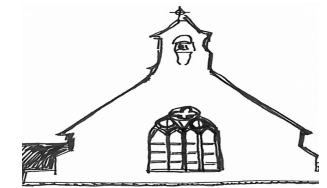


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (June 14-20, 2020)

20.23



Corpus Christi (Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ)

1st Reading: The Lord nourished his people in their Exodus from Egypt. *In the Eucharist he continues to send us bread from heaven, the pledge of his Son's presence, nourishing us on life's journey.*

2nd Reading: Saint Paul highlights the meaning of the Mass in terms of gathering the community of believers. The Eucharist is communion with each other as well as the Lord. *At this time of a public health emergency we miss the real / physical presence we can give each other. Catholic theology also speaks of a "spiritual communion" - we can be present to each other in prayer even if we are physically distant.*

Gospel: The Gospel of John uses the Greek term for flesh (*sarx* – meat) to describe just how real the presence of Christ is in the "Bread from heaven". *May we always hold special reverence for the presence of the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.*

May they rest in God's embrace: *Anniversary:* Christy Flynn (Ross St)

Covid-19: Both Churches are open during daytime hours for private visits. Please observe best hygiene practices and keep two metres distance from anyone you meet. The parish office at Ballygriffin is open. Mass is celebrated privately each day and includes your intentions. This newsletter, together with reflections and links are forwarded by email each weekend. Contact parishofkillavullen@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Masses are live-streamed from larger parishes, including Mallow at www.churchservices.tv Churches will reopen for public Masses from June 29. The obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday Mass will continue to be dispensed even after this time and as long as the public health emergency is in force. There will be robust safety measures in place for all who would like to return to public Mass. Limited attendances will be permitted.

Annakisha Church Lighting: New Nexia LED lights were installed this week. The views within the church have been significantly improved by removing the pendant lights; the sanctuary and reredos looks spectacular in full light. The beauty of the West-facing gable window is also highlighted in a new light. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish Buildings and Weekly Offering collections which has allowed this work to be undertaken.

Comhghairdeas to Fr. Dan Gould PE on reaching the 60th anniversary of his ordination. Ad multos annos, Fr. Dan.

Feast of Corpus Christ: A holy hour will be led Fr. John Keane CC from St. Colman's Church, Macroom on this Sunday evening (May 14) from 7.00-8.00pm. See: www.churchservices.tv/macroom

Killavullen Area Community Employment Scheme: The position for a CE worker to maintain Annakisha Church Grounds will become vacant in July. It is for 20-hours per week and includes excellent training opportunities. Please contact Fr. Condon or Hilary O'Kelly (022-46675) for further details.

A Lough Derg Pilgrimage will be conducted by the prior at St. Patrick's Purgatory, Monsignor La Flynn from June 29-30. He invites you to join him in making the pilgrimage from home and by tuning into the ceremonies at the assigned times at www.loughderg.live The pilgrimage will follow the traditional format, including the expectation of walking on bare feet for the three days, fasting (with Lough Derg type meals) and a vigil of prayer. To register and receive a support pack please go to <https://loughderg.live/june-3-day-pilgrimage-registration/> or contact the Lough Derg team at 071-9861518. Down through the years, those in prison have sometimes been given the opportunity to make the pilgrimage without leaving jail. A similar privilege has now been extended to many others in "lockdown"!

Poetry Corner: George Herbert (1593-1633) – Love III

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack

From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning if I lacked anything.

"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":

Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,

"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame

Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"

"My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."

So I did sit and eat.