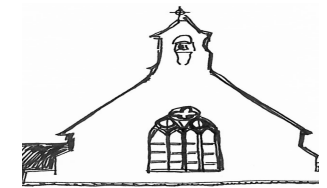


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Twenty Third Week in Ordinary Time (September 6-12, 2020)

20.35



Twenty-Third Sunday: *Christ helps us to keep the peace.*

1st Reading: The prophet Ezekiel is sometimes known as the “Lord’s watchman”, because of his efforts to bring Israel into line with God’s commandments. We all have a role, he says, of evaluating a situation according to what is right and of pointing out error, where necessary.

Psalms 94: We “harden not our hearts” when we encounter God’s mercy.

2nd Reading: St. Paul’s summary of the one thing we are all obliged to do: love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.

Gospel: Today’s text has three of the “sayings” of Jesus. 1.) We should correct others if they sin. But be diplomatic: in the first instance, do so privately and in person. In practice we must strike a balance between being tolerant of the imperfections of others and seeking justice. 2.) Our actions in this life, for good or bad, resonate in eternity. 3.) Matthew’s gospel stressed the importance of Church and community. It is when we gather together (physically or even online) that our prayer is most effective.

Mass Times this Week

Monday to Wednesday	Killavullen	9.00am
<i>No Mass on Thursday or Friday</i>		
24 th Sunday Vigil Mass	Killavullen (Saturday)	7.00pm
Sunday, September 6	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** is celebrated in the Reconciliation Room of Killavullen Church, as it has been adapted to comply with HSE guidelines.

Last weekend’s collections.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offerings	€352	€423

There are baskets at church entrances for your donations to the Weekly Offering; and Parish Buildings’ Fund Collections. You may contribute as you enter or leave the church. A portion of this weekend’s collection will be reserved for the administration of the diocese (Diocesan Purposes). Thank you.

Bon-Mot: “Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful.” (R. Rohr)

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Entrance Hymn –

Christ be near at either hand,
 Christ behind, before me stand.
 Christ with me where e’er I go.
 Christ around, above below.
*Christ my life and only way.
 Christ my lantern night & day,
 Christ be my unchanging friend.
 Guide and shepherd to the end*

Recessional:

Let’s all join together in Communion sweet,
 Walk, walk, in the light.
 And love one another ‘til the Saviour we meet,
 Walk, walk, in the light.
 Walk in the light, walk in the light,
 Walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.

Covid-19 Pandemic Guidelines for our churches:

- Please wear a face mask or visor when inside the church.
- Sanitize your hands on entering and leaving the church.
- Sit on the “please sit here” stickers & 2m apart from other households.
- Observe respiratory etiquette while at church.
- To avoid crowding at doorways: arrive early and leave late! You may also wait until after Mass and receive Holy Communion at that time.

Communion for the First Time (deferred from last April/May) will be celebrated at Annakisha Church next Saturday and at Killavullen on September 19. There is a series of three videos entitled “Come to the Table of the Lord” on young people preparing for Mass available to watch at home from the parish website www.killavullenparish.ie

Young Christian Workers: Our thanks to all who supported the car-wash and coffee morning in aid of Marymount Hospice.

Parish Crossword No.3 – There are copies of the crossword at Church doorways. The deadline for completion and return to either church or parish office is September 7.

Almighty God, we pray to you through Christ the Healer, for those who suffer because of the Coronavirus across the world. Grant them comfort, healing and hope. Give wisdom to governments; skill to healthcare workers and scientists as they seek answers to the pandemic. We remember those who have succumbed to the virus and those who mourn the loss a loved one. May they find strength in the new life that was revealed to us in your Son. Help us to live in serenity and peace in these days of uncertainty. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

