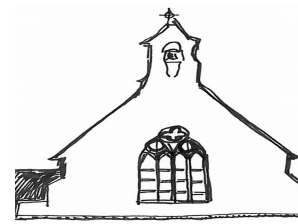


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Easter Week (April 4-10, 2021)

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Easter Sunday Mass by Zoom link from the Parish Office at 10.00am

1st Reading: Peter preaches the Good News following a pattern used many times in the *Acts of the Apostles* and the letters of St Paul. The Easter *kerygma* (proclamation of the Gospel) is that Jesus of Nazareth, who died on the cross, was raised to a new and glorious life “because God was with him.” We share the Gospel that he is with us, especially when we pray together in his name.

Psalms 117: The one rejected by the world is the cornerstone of the new covenant.

Second Reading: The life we have is hidden with Christ in God.

Gospel: In the account of the resurrection in the Gospel of John it is Mary Magdalene who first encounters the risen Jesus and shares the news with John (the beloved disciple) and Peter. She is the *apostala apostolorum* - apostle to the apostles. The word “apostle” means “one sent”: it describes our role in bringing the Good News of God’s love to others.

Resting in God’s Embrace: *Died recently:* Thomas Horgan (Carriganaltig)
Anniversaries: Conor Harnett (1st anniversary); Bridie O’Sullivan; Con and Mary McCarthy (Velvetstown)

Mass is broadcast live every day at RTE NewsNow TV at 10.30am. On every other Sunday it is found on RTE NewsNow at 2.15pm.

Level 5 Restrictions continue to be imposed on Church activities by the public authorities, even if our churches are spacious, well ventilated and permit safe and socially distanced gatherings.

Churches remain open for personal visits, but group worship is only permitted with limited numbers for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. When making a private or household visit to the church, please sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the building and wear a face mask at all times.

An email is sent to parishioners each weekend. It includes a link to the Zoom Sunday Mass. The link is equally available in the “Events” or “Calendar” section of www.killavullenparish.ie website. The tuning-in process is very simple and usually involves a single click on your tablet, smartphone or PC. Participants are asked to stay on mute during the call, though messages can be typed to one another or the entire group in the “chat feature”. The Zoom calls are kindly hosted by Paul Murray. Fiona Hannon, the director of the parish choir, is the soloist.

Visit: www.killavullenparish.ie Fr. Gerard Condon PP. Tel.: 022-46578; Email: parishofkillavullen@gmail.com

From the Easter Message of Bishop William Crean:

The Pandemic has really rattled us all over the past year and we are not “out of the woods” yet. More patience and resilience is being asked of us. It is wearisome for many but we have reasons to be thankful. Great solidarity and support has been shared. We remember, in prayer, those who have fallen victim to the deadly virus.

We are thankful for the sacrifices so many on the “front line” have made and continue to make to nurse the sick back to health. We are grateful to have vaccines being made available so that, God willing, within the next few months, more and more will be protected from the virus. ...

Not being able to gather for Holy Mass has been difficult; as has not being able to gather for the Holy Week ceremonies for a second Easter in a row. We must bear this Eucharistic fast in a spirit of Christian faith where we forego our desire for public prayer in the service of the common good until such time it is safe to do so.

Through all this time the Church is open for private prayer. I invite you and your family to set aside some time to visit your church over Easter Week.

I look forward, in a spirit of Christian hope, and trusting Jesus’ invitation, “Do not let your hearts be troubled; trust in God still and trust in me.” (John 14:1) May you be blessed with the abundance of Easter joy. + William Crean.

Killavullen / Annakisha Parish Bumper Easter Crossword: Like to test your Religious Education skills? Our 35 question crossword features general religious knowledge and questions related to our diocese. *Copies are available at both church doorways and should be returned by April 19.* First, Second and Third Prizes will be drawn from the correctly completed crosswords.

Parish Finances: Weekly Offerings, Easter Offerings and donations to the Parish Buildings’ Fund can be given at the Parish Office at your convenience. Many thanks for your contributions, even as the church remains under lockdown.

Nano Nagle Birthplace Webinar: ‘Wood You Believe - Coping and Hoping’. Presented by Fr. Jim Cogley, Our Lady’s Island, Wexford. April 13, 7.30-9.00pm. Cost €15 Booking required at 022 26411 www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or difficulties relating to the pandemic. Open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, Call: 0818 222 024.

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