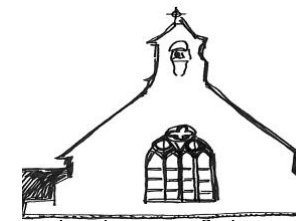


Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Sixth Week of Easter (May 5 - 11, 2024) 24.18



Sixth Sunday of Easter - *Christ, the True Vine*

Catechesis: We celebrate the coming of the Spirit of God's love on the Church. Because God does not have favourites, the Spirit is given through the Church for the good of the whole world.

First Reading: Simon Peter had originally opposed the idea that Gentiles (non-Jews) could be admitted to the Christian faith. He now accepts that the Good News is intended for all humanity.

Psalm 97 – A psalm that praises God for our salvation.

Second Reading: A unique statement in the Bible, which usually tells us what God is like. Here we are told what God is: ἀγάπη (agápē)

Gospel: Jesus invites his disciples to *abide* in his presence by entering into friendship with him and by loving one another.

Mass Times this Week

Monday – Wednesday	Killavullen	9.00am
<i>No Mass on Thursday & Friday</i>		
Saturday: Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday: Ascension Sunday (May 12)	Annakisha	10.00am
	<u>Nano Nagle Birthplace</u>	<u>11.30am</u>

Please note that that this replaces the regular 11.30am Mass at Killavullen.

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6.30pm in the Reconciliation Room or at any time requested.
- *Children's Liturgies of the Word take place at the 7.00pm and 11.30am Masses next weekend*

May they Rest in God's Embrace - Anniversaries: Ellen Keneally (Slumber Hill); Joan Lehane (Cloughoula); William O'Brien (Castletownroche).

Collections Last weekend - *Go raibh maith agaibh*

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€285	€530

This weekend: The recessional collection will be for Diocesan Purposes.

BonMot: Be the change that you wish to see in the world.

This is the day (x2)
 That the Lord has made (x2)
 Let us rejoice (x2) And be glad in it (x2)
 This is the day that the Lord has made
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it
 This is the day (x2)
 That the Lord has made

Glory and praise to our God.
 Who alone gives light to our days.
 Many are the blessing he bears
 To those who trust in his ways.
*We the daughters and sons of him -
 Who built the valleys and plains.
 Praise and wonder our God has done,*

Next Sunday the Annual Mass at Nano Nagle Birthplace will take place at 11.30am, replacing the regular 11.30am Mass. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Presentation Sisters acquiring the site of the homestead of their foundress. Ten years later (May 1984) the facilities at Ballygriffin were opened as a center for education, culture, ecology and spirituality.

Date for your Diary: On May 18, following the 7.00pm Mass a parish pilgrim walk will take place from the Church, following the Monanymy Loop via Topshop and returning to the Church.

Seeing your Life Through the Lens of today's Gospel (John Byrne OSA)

The commandment to love is something of a contradiction in terms.

Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another –

- a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife;
 - a wave from a friend or words of comfort and affirmation ...
- not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy?

Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their time and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also, in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?

'I chose you'. Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to

consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus and commissioned to bear fruit through our love.