

Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

2nd Week of Christmas (Dec. 29, 2024 - January 4, 2025) 24.50



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: The family of Hannah, Elkanah and their child Samuel, in many ways parallel that of Elizabeth, Zechariah and their child John (the Baptist) in the Gospel of Luke. The New Testament writers saw the covenant of Christ as fulfilling the Old Testament.

Psalm 83: A song of praise to God; we are happy dwelling in God's house.

Second Reading: To love God, by following the Christian way, is our best response to the blessings "lavished on us" by God.

Gospel: The twelve-years-old Jesus accompanies Mary and Joseph on their journey to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover.

A Children's worksheet on today's readings is available at doorways.

Mass-times this Week

Monday to Wednesday	Killavullen	9.00am
No Mass on Thursday or Friday		
Saturday: Vigil Mass	Killavullen	7.00pm
Sunday	Annakisha	10.00am
	Killavullen	11.30am

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6.30pm in the Reconciliation Room
- The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be Celebrated next weekend.

May they Rest in God's Embrace: Anniversaries: Brian & Breda Morrissroe (Kilcanway); Nollag Moakley (Clenor); Deceased of Killavullen GAA; Nora Sheahan (Landscape); Kathleen Looney; Seán O'Sullivan (Rahan).

Died this week: Bridie Horgan (Castlekevin)

Collections Last weekend - Buíochas libh.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€425	€540

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O Come All Ye Faithful Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 to be an Ordinary Jubilee or Holy Year. In The Bull of Indiction for the year, *Spes non confundit* (hope does not disappoint) the Holy Father states that he is continuing the tradition, begun in 1300AD, of "unbricking" the holy door at of the four Roman archbasilicas. The last ordinary jubilees were that of 2000, 1975 and 1950. Each Holy Year is a time

of grace and renewal in the entire Church and in the heart of each believer. Pope Francis writes - "God's word helps us to find reasons for that hope, in Christ, a 'hope that does not disappoint' (Romans 5:5)... My thoughts turn to all those pilgrims of hope who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year, and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and



Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' (John 10:7,9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all." (paragraph 1)

The jubilee logo: "The image of the anchor is eloquent; it helps us to recognize the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus. The storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death. This hope, which transcends life's fleeting pleasures and the achievement of our immediate goals, makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called." (par.25) To mark the beginning of the Holy Year, the Vatican Flag will be blessed and hoisted at Killavullen Church following the 11.30am Mass.

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