



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Week after Epiphany (January 5 - 11, 2025) 25.1



Second Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: Sophia, the Wisdom of God, has pitched her tent among the chosen people.

Psalm 147: When the people live according to God’s word of peace, they are blessed in many ways.

Second Reading: Saint Paul prays for the people of Ephesus (and of our time) that they will have knowledge of God’s presence among them. May this New Year increase our faith, hope and charity.

Gospel: The Gospel of Saint John does not include a nativity story, but instead offers this poetic reflection on the meaning of the Christ event: Jesus became the perfect expression of God’s presence in creation.

Mass-times this Week

Monday, January 6 Epiphany (*Holyday of Obligation*)

Annakisha **10.00am**

Killavullen **7.00pm**

Tuesday and 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 this weekend.

May they Rest in God’s Embrace: Anniversaries: Julia Aherne;
Eileen Russell (Main Street, Killavullen)

Collections Last weekend - Buíochas libh.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€480	€670

Christmas Offerings for the Financial Support of your Priest can be made at this time. Thank you to all who have returned an offering.

BonMot: “The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other’s life.” (Richard Bach)

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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, 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.
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Jimmy Carter (1924-2024), who died last week, served as president of the United States from 1976-1980. His term in office was marred by the energy (oil) crisis in 1976 and a revolution in Iran that marked the beginning of Islamic fundamentalism worldwide. A practicing Christian, he allowed his faith to influence his policies, as was evident in his televised speech of July 15, 1979. His description of Western society holds true to this day ...

“Our people are losing that faith, not only in government itself but in the ability as citizens to serve as the ultimate rulers and shapers of our democracy. As a people we know our past and we are proud of it. Our progress has been part of the living history of America, even the world. We always believed that we were part of a great movement of humanity itself called democracy, involved in the search for freedom, and that belief has always strengthened us in our purpose. But just as we are losing our confidence in the future, we are also beginning to close the door on our past.

In a nation that was proud of hard work, strong families, close-knit communities, and our faith in God, too many of us now tend to worship self-indulgence and consumption. Human identity is no longer defined by what one does, but by what one owns. But we've discovered that owning things and consuming things does not satisfy our longing for meaning. We've learned that piling up material goods cannot fill the emptiness of lives which have no confidence or purpose.”

New Year’s Blessing: May God make your year a happy one ...

not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes.
Not by making your path easy ... but by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you ... but by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you willing to be there to help.
God’s love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

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