



Parish of Killavullen and Annakisha

Third Week in Ordinary Time (January 26 – February 1, 2025) 25.4



Sunday of the Word of God *At the Opening of Masses we will have a short ritual for the enthronement of the Bible.*

First Reading: The people of Israel returned to Jerusalem and reopened the Temple after a 50-year absence. It was an emotional experience as Ezra, the High Priest, proclaimed the Scriptures in public again. The people felt the presence of God in the proclamation of the word.

Second Reading: The Christian community at Corinth was suffering division and strife. St Paul argues that though all the parts of the human body perform different functions, they must all to work together. The Body of Christ in our time, too, needs all our talents.

Gospel: A defining moment in the Gospel. After being declared God’s beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, Jesus returns to native Nazareth to announce the Good News. God’s Kingdom would bring freedom and new sight. He identifies the coming Kingdom with himself.

Children’s worksheets on today’s Gospel are available at church doorways

Mass-times this Week

Monday to Thursday	Killavullen	9.00am
<i>No Mass on Friday</i>		
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** is celebrated NEXT weekend.

May they Rest in God’s Embrace: Anniversaries: Fr Daniel Gould PE (Ballygriffin/ Ballindangan, 1st Anniversary); Maya Looney-Harnedy; Tim O’Connor (Shonee); Bridget Horgan (Castlekevin, Month’s Mind)

Collections Last weekend - Buíochas libh.

	Annakisha	Killavullen
Weekly Offering	€280	€505

BonMot: It is often in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you;
Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

Refrain: *Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the King of kings!*

- 2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving.
- 3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.

Parish Pastoral Council: A meeting of the Council will take place next Wednesday, January 29 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

Ministers of Holy Communion: A new rota is presently being prepared. Please let Fr Gerard know if you would like to volunteer for this ministry, or if you would not prefer not to renew your commitment at this time.

Accord, the Catholic Marriage Care Service, has recently launched an updated Marriage Preparation Programme, ‘Marriage, a journey not a destination’. For information celebrating a wedding in the Catholic Church in Ireland. See: www.accord.ie

From the Pages of Killavullen Parish *Liber Annuario* (1971)

- “Mrs O’Brien, vice-principal Killavullen School retired and Miss Hannah Vaughan was appointed assistant 1 July 1971.
- Miss Collins became vice-principal at Killavullen School.
- Renovations to Annakissa (note spelling) Church were carried out, including alterations to the sanctuary, re-decorating, installation of central heating and a public address system. (GC: These alterations were probably the result of the new rite for the Mass after Vatican II)
- Alterations to the sanctuaries were carried out by John Beechinor and John Brosnan (cost £800). The central heating was installed by John Buckley, Glenville. He completed the work in both churches for £1000. The Carpet Centre laid a carpet in Annakissa (sanctuary) for £350. Keniry Brother, Cork, put in the public address in both churches. Cost: £155.
- At the end of the year, central heating was put into the Parochial House.
- Killavullen School: new toilets were built, new floors in all rooms, trees removed from yard levelled for £2,200. Contractor: Beechinor-Brosnan.”

BonMot: “We aspire to a happiness that is definitively found in the one thing that can bring us fulfilment, which is love.” Pope Francis, *Spes non Confundit* 21 (Jubilee Year Message)