



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 43 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 July 2014

Recently deceased

Pray for **Seán Barry, Kilshinihan**, who was buried during the week.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon : 9.00 am

Tuesday: No Mass

Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am

Saturday 10.00 am

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is every Thursday night at 8:30 in Farnagark for the month of July. All welcome to come and be refreshed by the Word. For further details, contact Tim or Majella on 884-9842.

Macra Barbeque

Kilbrittain Macra are hosting a "Know your Neighbour" Barbeque in the Kilbrittain Inn on Sunday July 27th starting at 4pm till late. There will be food and music provided. Everybody welcome for a great evening.

Rural Bus

Lotto tickets available for the Rural Bus. Contact Eileen Hayes 8849878

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Darnel and Wheat

The pictures in this parable would be clear and familiar to a biblical audience. Darnel, sometimes called tares, were one of the curses against which a farmer had to labour. They were a weed that in their early stages of growth so closely resembled the wheat that it was impossible to distinguish the one from the other. When both had developed seed heads it was easy to distinguish them; but by that time their roots were so intertwined that the darnel could not be weeded out without tearing the wheat out with them. But in the end they had to be separated, because the grain of the darnel is slightly poisonous. Women usually did this by hand as they were able to pick out the tare

seeds which, though of similar size and shape to the wheat, were slate-grey in colour.

Jesus is using a familiar farming scenario of the time to teach us about what God is really like and how God loves to treat us, the people he has created in his own image and likeness. Jesus is teaching the holier than thou people of his day, and ourselves today, that it is for God to make any separation between people and that God will do so only at the end of time. Then it will be clear who are the wheat and who are the darnel.

The early Church, though, found another level of meaning in this parable. They applied it to the Christian community, the church. There is darnel as well as wheat in the church now. This can sometimes lead people to criticise church members for their undoubted shortcomings, even serious faults and misdeeds. But the church is and always has been a mixture of saints and sinners, and there need be no premature attempt to separate the wheat from the darnel in the earthly dimension of the people of God.

POINTERS FOR PRAYER

1 The owner of the field who allowed the wheat and the darnel to grow together is a reminder to us to be patient with ourselves and with others when we see everything is not right. Sometimes a preoccupation with the negative (the darnel) can blind us to seeing the positive in our own

lives and in the lives of others. When have you found that a willingness to live with the messiness of the present created the conditions for future growth?

2 Have you ever found that it was through accepting the darnel that you learned important lessons for life, e.g., learning by making mistakes, or asking stupid questions, or taking foolish risks?

3 The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven are reminders that seemingly insignificant things can have very positive results. Have you ever been surprised by the benefit to yourself or others of a kind gesture, a small initiative, or a word of encouragement?

PRAYER

O God, patient and forbearing, you alone know fully the goodness of what you have made. Strengthen our spirit when we are slow and temper our zeal when we are rash, that in your own good time you may produce in us a rich harvest from the seed you have sown and tended

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin:

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Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm.

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