



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 Aug 2016

Weekday Masses

Monday: 9.00 am

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday to Friday: 9.00 am

Saturday: 10.00 am

Stations

- For **Glenduff** on Friday night next, August 26th in the home of **John and Helen O'Neill**.
- For **Cloncalla Mór and Cloncalla Beg (Maryboro)** on Sat morning next, August 27th, at 12.00 noon in the home of **John and Marie O'Mahony**.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will be held every Thursday night at 8:30 in Ardacrow for the month of August. Join us for Scripture reading. For more info contact Sergio at 0870650253

Bingo

Bingo in aid of Tidy Towns on Wed next, Aug 24th at 8.00 pm in the Hall.

Adult Studies –

Catechism of the Catholic Church

September to December 2016 in St Francis' Church. Liberty St, Cork. Wed nights 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, beginning Wed 7th September. Spiritual Director Fr Ronan Connolly, OP. All Welcome. These studies are open to all adults who wish to have a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. For further details contact Máirín Ní Shúilleabáin 087/7950325 or email

catechism@corkandross.org. Catechism website is www.catechism.ie

KILBRITTAIN GAA

The Intermediate hurlers were drawn against Glen Rovers in the quarter-final of the championship. The match has been fixed for next Sunday 28th August, at 2 pm in Riverstick. Best of luck to all concerned.

Lotto 10 - 18 - 25 - 27

The €7,400 lotto jackpot was not won. €40 winners were Adrian Kearney, Sean Hurley, Bernie Lyons, Denis Murphy Jnr, Matthew Hegarty & Marion O'Mahony. The jackpot for this weekend will be €7,500.

History Society Journal

Kilbrittain Historical Society are putting out the call to members of the community to contribute material for the Kilbrittain Historical Journal. We are looking for photos of people and events in the history of the parish, written personal stories, memories, accounts of times past in Kilbrittain, old newspaper articles, and reflections of the people of Kilbrittain on its history and culture. We are gathering as much material as we can for the 2016 and future journals. The deadline for submissions for the 2016 journal is September 10th. Please contact the editor, and send material to diarmaidodonovan@gmail.com

Pilgrimages

Year of Mercy **San Giovanni and Assisi** Pilgrimage group led by Fr. Sean Crowley on 30th September.. Price €919 pps. Celebrating

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www.frcremin.com

BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

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the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi. on the 4th October in Assisi.

Also **Holy Land at Christmas 2016** led by Fr Philip McShane Price €1,375 pps. Payment can be made in instalments. Contact James Treacy for details 086-0572216

Rural Link (formerly 'Rural Transport')

West Cork Rural Link Bus leaves the village every Fri. morning at 10 am to Bandon and returns at 2.15. The Lotto helps with the running of the bus and your support would be greatly appreciated to help maintain this service. For more information please contact Eileen Hayes 8849878.

The Narrow Door

Luke reminds us once again that we are on the "way to Jerusalem" with Jesus. This means that the guiding principle in our lives ought to be the loving concern that took Jesus himself to the climax of his career as he gave his life for us in Jerusalem. Though it would be nice if we could all visit the modern city of Jerusalem, this is not what Luke had in mind. He is thinking instead about the true purpose of this human life that God has given us.

As we make this spiritual journey, we must inevitably ask the question posed in today's gospel: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Or, more directly, "Lord, am I among those who will make this journey successfully?" And Jesus answers our question with words that dispel any smugness that we may have been entertaining: "Strive to enter through the narrow door." To love as he did will not be easy. Finally, Jesus warns us about the terrible disappointment in store for those who have not taken his teaching seriously. They will discover, only when it is too late, that they have not made room in their lives for the One who alone can bring them to that ultimate joyful banquet that our Creator has prepared for us in his kingdom.

A telling metaphor is the superabundance of our grocery stores. It has been noted that those who come here from impoverished countries are almost overwhelmed by amazement at the seemingly endless riches of these grocery stores. We should all be grateful for such convenience in our lives, but we also know that such displays of worldly goods do not represent the real meaning of happiness.

Some years ago, it was common to find contests offered on the radio with the winner awarded "20 minutes of free shopping in the supermarket." One can easily imagine the winner's frenetic search for the most desirable items. But I like to imagine a different scenario where the winning contestant would spend those precious minutes helping others with their shopping needs. And when questioned about this strange behavior, he would reply simply, "Oh, didn't you know that my Father owns the supermarket and that, if we are kind and thoughtful during our 20 minutes of life, the whole store will be ours forever?" What a pity it will be if we finally see what life is all about only when it is too late! But there is still time to resist the powerful distractions that dazzle us and tell us how much more we need when only one thing is really necessary, that is, to love our gracious and generous God and to be kind and forgiving toward his precious people.

Demetrius R. Dumm, O.S.B.

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremin.com. Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm. Weekly Bulletin online at <http://www.frcremin.com/news.html>