



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 156

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 Sept 2016

Weekday Masses

Monday: 9.00 am
 Tuesday: NO MASS
 Wed to Fri: 9.00 am
 Saturday: 10.00 am

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is held every Thursday night at 8:30 in Barleyfield for the month of September. Come for a quick Scripture and a chat. For more info, please contact Jim on 086 830 6312.

Folk Group

Folk Group resumes regular practice on on Tuesday nights from 8 to 9, starting this week. New members would be very welcome.

Children's Liturgy

The special monthly Children's Liturgy will be returning on Sunday, October 9th and is open to all children up to and including THIRD class.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Cork Saturday 15th October.

Parish Assembly is organising a Pilgrimage to Cork to visit the places recommended by the Dioces as special places for the Jubilee Year: Penny Dinners, Holy Door in St Francis' Church, Trocaire Office, South Chapel, Nano Nagle's Grave in the South Presentation Convent. Anybody interested should contact Fr Cremin or Jim Moore (086 830 6312)

Training for Parish Catechists – Certificate in Catechesis

Following the successful completion of the first two year Certificate programme and commissioning of Parish Catechists we are now inviting applications for the course to begin in January 2017. The Certificate in Parish Catechesis is offered in partnership with Maryvale Institute over two years with four course days per year and supported study using the distance learning model. Participants complete 12 assignments over 2 years and are then commissioned by the Bishop to take on the ministry of Parish Catechist. The course may also be of interest to those wanting to deepen their understanding their faith. For those interested we are offering two information sessions at the Blackrock Parish Centre on Wednesday 12th October 2:30pm to 4:00pm and 7:30pm to 9:00pm you are welcome to attend either of these to find out more about the course and the ministry. Enquiries: Sr Karen at the Pastoral Development Office 021 4537601

Anam Cara Bereavement Information Evening

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 5th of October from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Ambassador Hotel, Military Road, Cork. The guest speaker for the evening is Pat McCarthy. This is a free event. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie

Websites: www.parish.kilbrittain.net
www.frcremin.com

BAPTISMS:
 Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
 Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 6

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH,
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before Tuesday 4th October or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Invitation to Bereaved Parents

A Service of Remembrance will be held by Cork University Maternity Hospital on Friday 7th October 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Church, Western Road, Cork. All who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss are welcome to attend.

Cork Autism Conference

The Cork Autism Conference takes place on October 9th at the Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Cork from 9am until 4.30pm. In this conference 5 highly respected medical practitioners and specialists in autism and aspergers syndrome share valuable resources for your child, family member, friend, student or yourself. You can avail of a special special early bird rate of only €49 until September, 18th. Find out more details here: www.bookwhen.com/corkautism or call Micheál on 0861719311.

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.

Freedom to Serve

You cannot love a person without being caught up in that person's dreams and hopes and longings. Since our communion with God is a personal one, we are necessarily caught up in the longing of the heart of God to heal and liberate the world from sin and from all its terrible consequences. Far from withdrawing us from the world into the pseudo-peace of non-involvement, our response to grace impels us to do what Jesus did and to give our lives to open others to God's grace.

A question arises: If God is the all-powerful creator, why does he simply intervene in the

world and fix up all our problems? This would be to imagine God as a puppeteer managing all the strings and taking no notice of the mysterious gift of freedom which is the glory of being human but also the cause of many of the tragedies that engulf us. We must keep reminding ourselves that God is love, and that love does not control. That does not mean that God is sitting back, as it were, letting the world run its independent course.

God is love and is intimately involved at every moment in the happenings of our world. But God does not crash in and take over. God respects the freedom he has given us. Whatever situation we take, we can be certain that God is present there inspiring, forgiving, inviting, pouring out the Spirit of his love to get us to change and to be instruments of love building a civilisation of love rather than destructive hatred or the kind of self-indulgence revealed in today's parable.

We are asked to pray - not to change God's mind or action, but to direct our hearts towards God so that we may be receptive to his transforming, healing grace and that we may follow his inspiration and be instruments of the wonderful, miraculous power of God's love. When we pray for others we draw them into our hearts in the hope that our prayer may open them too to the grace which God is surely pouring down upon them. When we act out of love, we know that we cannot force others to act in the way we would want. Our faith reminds us that God, too, respects human freedom while supporting every good that rises in our hearts and gracing us to back away from all the evil.

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>