



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 194

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 June 2017

Masses During the Week

Mon 9.00 am
Tue: No Mass.
Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am
Sat: 10.00 am

Adoration

Volunteers are needed to join the rota for Adoration during the hour of 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Wednesdays. Contact Fr Cremin or Bernie Lyons.

Lectio Divina

No Lectio Divina this week.
Also, we will have a Summer break for the month of July and will restart again in August

Kilshinihan Church

Meeting last Tue evening was well attended by members of both parishes. It was the intention to have the next meeting on this Tue but machines have already begun work on the site and good progress has been made. It is better to let that work finish and meet Tue week to begin the manual labour.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

The Junior A hurlers meet St Oliver Plunkets in round 2 of the West Cork Championship on Friday evening next, 30th June, at 7:30pm in Timoleague. Best of luck to all involved.
Lotto 4 - 9 - 18 - 28
The lotto jackpot of €11,800 was not won. €40 winners were Bill Carter, Charlie O'Connell, Phil Collins, 'Harrington Boys', Paul Butler. The Jackpot for this weekend will be €11,900

Courtmacsherry Bay Area Development

This group has been in existence for a number of years and its aim is to promote tourism in the areas of Ballinspittle, Kilbrittain, Timoleague and Courtmacsherry. They are holding a public meeting in Kilbrittain Hall on Monday night week, 3rd July. At this meeting three new members will be selected from Kilbrittain to take part in the group.

They are also announcing a new bus service between Kinsale and Clonakilty, passing through Kilbrittain village, running five to six times a day. This is being serviced by Rural Link. Bus times will be given at the meeting. The bus is free for anyone who has a travel pass.

July-August Rota in Bandon Cluster

A reminder that the new Summer Rota will commence on next Sat, July 1st. Hard copies of the full two-month schedule are available in the porches and it can be found online at www.frcremin.com/rotas

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Saints Commemorated this week

Thurs, June 29th

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles.
Ancient Romans considered this day to be the date of the foundation of the city in about 750 BC by Romulus and Remus. The Church adopts the day to honour the two founders of the faith in Rome.

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 8

Saturday, July 1st

Saint Oliver Plunkett.

A good example of those who, according to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel 'declares himself for me in the presence of men'. Oliver Plunkett was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669, during the time when priests were being hunted down. He was arrested in 1679 and found guilty of treason in London. He was martyred at Tyburn (close to the present-day Marble Arch and Edgware Road) on 1st July 1681 by hanging, disembowelling, quartering and beheading.

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Today's Gospel

By saying, 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul', Christ is preparing the Apostles for a difficult ministry. As we know almost all the Apostles died a martyr's death. But they do not fear persecution because their faith is in the one who is more powerful than anyone on earth. They are not afraid because they know that they are treasured by God himself and it is he who guides and protects them on their mission.

And they are truly Christ's representatives. As Apostles, their primary task is to declare themselves for Christ in the presence of men; in fact there is no other way of being an Apostle. A secret Apostle is no Apostle at all!

An Apostle must declare who it is he represents. He must do so in words and also by his actions. He must proclaim the Gospel of Christ from the rooftops; that is his principal task. An Apostle is to continue and extend the ministry of Christ in the world. An Apostle is to do the work of Jesus and to bring as many people as he can to knowledge and love of him.

And Jesus promises that his disciples will be vindicated. They will be vindicated in the place that matters most; and that is before his Father in heaven. The judgement of this world is temporary and superficial; the real judgement occurs on the last day and it is in that court that Christ promises that he will speak up for his

disciples. The Court of Heaven is the only court that really counts; and it is in that court where the real judgement will be given.

I remember on several occasions talking to people who were either facing death or the death of a loved one who asked me the simple but devastating question: 'Is it all true?' All I could respond in such a situation is to say, 'What else have we to rely on except the promises of God.'

And this is one of those promises: You stand up for me before men and I will stand up for you before my Father in heaven.

But the opposite is also true; should we neglect stand up for Christ in this world, then how can we possibly expect him to stand up for us on the day of judgement?

So, in conclusion let me make a suggestion, a small challenge for the coming week. Sometime during the week speak up for Christ or for the Gospel to someone who speaks against them. Ordinarily you might let a particular sort of comment or assumption pass; but this week stand up for Christ and make your views known.

Do not let your faith lie hidden. And do not be afraid of the consequences of speaking out. 'What Christ has told us in the darkness, now tell in the daylight! What you have heard in whispers, proclaim from the housetops!'

Fr Alex McAllister SDS

<http://www.homilies.net/E-17-06-25.aspx>

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