



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 227

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Sick

11 Feb 2018

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday. Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at 9.00 am and 8.00 pm. Also school Mass at 10.30 am.

School Mass

During Lent there will be a special Mass on Wed mornings at 10.30 pm for Confirmation candidates. Everybody is welcome, especially any parents who are free to come. Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, all the classes in Kilbrittain NS will be attending the 10.30 am Mass.

Weekday Masses

Mon 9:00 am.
Tue: No Mass.
Ash Wed 9.00 am, 10.30 am and 8.00 pm
Thurs and Friday 9.00 am
Sat 10.00 am.

Stations of the Cross

Each Sunday night during Lent, beginning next Sunday, 18th Feb, at 8.00 pm.

World Day of the Sick

This Sunday, Feb 11th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. We will have special prayers for the sick at both Masses this weekend. To personalise the liturgy we are inviting people to submit names of sick people which they wish to include in the prayers. The way we are doing this is that we will supply post-it notes and bios at Masses for names to be put into a box. After the Masses the content of the boxes will be burned unopened by Fr Cremin.

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Children's Choir

We hope to start a children's choir for 1st to 6th Class. First practice on Tue next, Feb 13th, from 6.00 to 6.45. All are welcome to come and join us.

Kilbrittain Ploughing

Annual Ploughing Match this Sunday evening (Feb 11th) in Granreigh.

Ladies Group

Ladies Group meeting on Monday 12th at 8.30. Guest speaker on Dental Healthcare will attend. New members welcome.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Valentine's Day Tokens

Take a look at the tokens produced by World Meeting of Families on Our Lady's Altar today which can be used to gift somebody a family or spiritual favour. The eight tokens are:

1. A special dinner cooked by me
 2. Go for a hand-in-hand walk together.
 3. A technology-free evening to do an activity of your choice.
 4. Set aside time to pray together.
 5. A family outing
 6. A journey down memory lane to remember how we met and have grown together.
 7. Loads of tender hugs.
 8. Praying that you find that special someone.
- There is a good supply of each token, so feel free to take and use one.

Pilgrimage of the Icon

We welcome the World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage of the Icon to our diocese from 22nd February to 5th March. The icon will

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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

visit three venues during this time and we are inviting everyone to come, pray, venerate the icon and place their prayer petitions in the box which will be taken to the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families celebrated by Pope Francis. The following liturgies are planned during the pilgrimage:

BANDON

Welcome celebration (Mass) - Friday 2nd March 7:30pm, Bandon Parish Church SKIBBEREEN

Welcome celebration - Monday 26th February 7:30pm, Cathedral, Skibbereen CORK (Cathedral):

Welcome celebration with Bishop Buckley - Thursday 22nd February 7:30pm
Holy Hour to pray for vocations Saturday 24th February 3:00pm
Ecumenical Service Sunday 25th February 3:00pm

Temple St Children's Hospital

Huge Thanks from Karena Towhig and family for making her fundraiser a success. €1,120 raised at Coffee Morning on Sat 10th

Coffee Morning Bandon Town Hall

Coffee morning in aid of the Hyperbaric Chamber, in Bandon Town Hall on Tuesday 13th February from 10 AM to mid day. Support appreciated.

"The voluntary Bandon Hyperbaric Oxygen Centre (BHOC) has managed to build one of the most sophisticated oxygen-chamber clinics in the world using this new therapy as a means of quickening the healing of a whole range of ailments.

The therapy of administering pure oxygen under pressure was a treatment pioneered as a result of newly discovered techniques in the aviation, space and diving fields. The chambers were originally used to cure divers of a disease known as the 'bends', but medical experts became very interested when they saw the healing effects of pure oxygen on a range of complaints which varied from sports injuries and skin diseases to motor-neuron complaints."

KILBRITTAIN GAA

Lotto 05 - 17 - 24 - 27

The €5,400 jackpot was not won. €40 winners were Lorraine Walsh, Micheal Sheehan, Conor Brennan, Tom & Jerry, Mgt O'Driscoll. The jackpot for this weekend will be €5,600.

The Human Touch

Today's excerpt from the Book of Leviticus doesn't make for pleasant reading. The constraints placed on lepers and their families seem barbarous to us today. Leprosy, though, was such a contagious and destructive disease that, in the absence of any cure, the first priority was to protect the healthy from contact with it. Moreover, leprosy was also suspected to be a curse or a divine retribution on the sufferer or his/her family and community.

We can barely imagine the effect this had on individual lepers. It didn't matter how high or low a person's state was, when he contracted leprosy he was banished to solitary living or the company of other lepers.

The book of Leviticus was written about thirteen centuries before Jesus' time but the rules laid out in today's first reading were still being enforced to the letter all those years later. The leper came to Jesus under these circumstances seeking healing. Jesus, as we would expect, touched him and healed him.

We can't heal always but we can always touch. Think what the touch alone meant to the leper who had been without human physical contact all his time as an outcast. We can be sure that if Jesus had done no more than stretch out his hand to touch the leper, without going on to cure him, he would still have lifted the poor man's heart by showing him that somebody loved and cared for him and let him forget he was an outcast.

Don't grieve at your helplessness in the face of somebody's illness or misfortune. Instead, thank God that he has put you where you can reach out and touch.

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