



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 228

First Sunday in Lent

18 Feb 2018

Weekday Masses

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

5th and 6th Class Mass

Each Wed morning at 10.30 am during Lent in preparation for Confirmation. Everybody else welcome, especially any parents of these children who are free at that time.

Stations of the Cross

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

Children's Choir

Next practice on Thursday evening next from 6.00 pm to 6.45. All children from 1st to 6th Class welcome.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

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 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

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

Fr Jerry Cremin PP
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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

Pro-Life Rally

"Rally to Save the 8th." All-Ireland RALLY FOR LIFE, Dublin, Saturday 10th March. Buses departing from Cork City and County. To book a seat, contact Gillian 089 402 9445.

Knitting

Knitting at Patsy's continues on Monday nights from 8 pm.

Recycling Workshop

Kilbrittain Tidy Towns in conjunction with Teresa McEoin of Voice Ireland present a Recycling Workshop Tuesday 27th Feb @ 8.30pm

Voice Ireland is an environmental charity that empowers individuals and local communities to take positive action to conserve our natural resources. Together with Repak, The Dept of Communications and The Dept of Climate Action and Environment have launched a programme of Presentations/Workshops to help people improve Ireland's recycling rates and reduce levels of contaminants in household recycling bins. Up to 30% of what goes into the domestic recycling bin is not

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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

suitable or is contaminated. The presentation takes approximately 30 minutes and the message is simple. "What goes into the recycling bin and what doesn't". After the presentation there will be a question and answer session. This is a free workshop and everybody is welcome.

Introducing 'TowardsPeace'

Towards Peace is a spiritual support service designed for those who have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit www.towardspeace.ie, phone 01 505 3028 or email towardspeace@iecon.ie.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage Encounter is a Weekend getaway experience for all married couples who want to rediscover the joy of Marriage. Our Next ME Weekends will be: 13th April 7.30 pm to 15 April 4.00 pm The Cork International Airport Hotel. www.marriageencounter.ie
021-4381511 - 086 6095168

THE DESERT

In the gospel today the Spirit drives Jesus into the desert. The desert is a place both of testing and encounter with God. It is a place of silence. There are no signposts. There are no distractions available. There, our human needs are barely met. The harshness of the situation makes us fight for life. Our will is weakened and we are tempted to give in to the possibility of some relief. Faced with the harshness of the desert, the Israelites were tempted to go back to their oppression in Egypt. But

the desert with its profound silence is a privileged place to encounter God.

Most people find silence very difficult. Because if we stay silent we might become aware of something we're not comfortable or happy with. Perhaps past and present failings or sins would come to mind and most of us want to avoid that. Is it not a very human and understandable response. How are we ever going to discover who we really are if we don't have some silence in our lives to become aware – not only of our sinful inclinations – but, more importantly, of our good qualities?

In the gospel passage today Jesus is tempted by Satan. He is with the wild beasts and the angels looked after him. I think this is a great reality in all our lives. There are both wild beasts and also angels in each of our lives. By wild beasts we mean temptations that can be so strong that they almost overwhelm us – the temptation to take revenge on someone who hurt us, the temptation to indulge in wrong sexual activity, to take drugs etc. These temptations can be so strong at times that like the wild beasts they can drag us along almost out of control of ourselves. For sure, there are wild beasts in all of us.

But the good news is that, like Jesus, the angels are with us too to help us face and overcome our inner wild beasts just as they did Jesus. It may be someone whom God puts in our path to help us in a time of great trial. In all this the Holy Spirit working through these so-called angels is there with us as he was with Jesus.

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret
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