



# Kilbrittain Parish

## Weekly Bulletin

No 231

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11 March 2018

### St Patrick's Day

Next Saturday. Vigil Mass on Friday at 8.00 pm, Mass of the Feast on Saturday at 10.30 am.

### Masses During the Week

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

### Emigrant Chaplaincy Collection

A Special Collection for the Irish Commission for Emigrants to support Vulnerable Irish Communities overseas will take place on St. Patrick's Day. This will be an exit collection, with baskets in the porches after Mass for donations.

### 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

This Sunday night and every Sunday during Lent at 8.00 pm.

### Table Quiz

Kilbrittain Tidy Towns will hold a Table Quiz in The Kilbrittain Inn on Friday 16th March at 9pm. Tables €20. Raffle on the night. All very welcome.

### Coffee Morning

Kilbrittain Timoleague Camogie Club are hosting a Coffee Morning this Sunday 11th March in Kilbrittain Community Centre at 11.30am. Funds raised will go for the Under 12 girls are partaking in a monster blitz in Croke Park on April 8th.

### Ladies Group

Ladies Group meeting on Monday next, 12th March, at 8.30 pm in the hall. Guest speaker from The Little Red Fish Shop will attend. All welcome including new members. NOTE: No knitting at Patsys' due to Ladies Meeting next Monday.

### Kilbrittain Underage GAA

Please note that the Boston Tea Party is rescheduled for Saturday 14th April. All welcome, so please contact Eileen on 086 8167401.

### Children's Choir

Practice for ton Thursday evening next from 6.00 pm to 6.45. All children from 1st to 6th Class welcome to come on board.

### Children's Mass

Monthly Child catechesis during Mass this Sunday March 11th.

**Afternoon of reflection on Family in the Gospel:** a time to explore family life in the Gospels in the light of the teaching of Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia*. Saturday 24th March from 2pm to 5pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre, to reserve a place – contact Sr Karen

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[www.frcremin.com](http://www.frcremin.com)

BAPTISMS:  
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

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021 4537601. We will close with the placing our petitions for our families in the World Meeting of Families petition box.

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2018 BISHOPS PASTORAL  
"Two Lives, One Love"

The Irish Bishops this week issued an updated version of their pro-life Pastoral Letter. Some paragraphs are printed below. Full text can be read or downloaded from parish websites:  
[www.frcremin.com](http://www.frcremin.com)  
[www.kilbrittain.org](http://www.kilbrittain.org)

Having consulted carefully with members of the lay faithful, both women and men, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference wishes to offer the following considerations as a contribution to the present national conversation on the right to life.

We believe that human life is sacred from conception until natural death and that Article 40.3.3 reflects the appropriate balance of rights. We ask God's blessing and guidance on each member of our society in responding to the significant responsibility that we have to defend this right for the present generation and for the generations to come.

Some people argue that the right to life of the unborn should be a matter of personal choice on the part of the mother. Others argue that, while they are opposed to abortion as a general principle, they believe that there are some children to whom the right to life does not apply either because they have been diagnosed with a serious medical condition or because they have been conceived as a result of rape. We wish to state our firmly held belief, based on reason as well as faith, that there is no such thing as a human life without value. We accept, of course, that death is part of our human condition. What we reject is the suggestion that any person can decide when it is time for another person to die.

Fundamental human rights are different from civil rights. While civil rights are the rights given by law to citizens in a particular society, fundamental human rights belong to every person simply because he or she is a person. Fundamental human rights are not "given" by

society and they cannot be taken away by society.

The deletion or amendment of Article 40.3.3, would serve no purpose other than to withdraw the right to life from some categories of unborn children. To do so would radically change the principle, for all unborn children and indeed for all of us, that the right to life is a fundamental human right.

We invite your attention to a number of aspects of Article 40.3.3, which we believe to be significant:

- In this Article, the State does not concede the right to life to the unborn, but acknowledges that right as a fundamental right, which belongs to the unborn by virtue of his or her being a person. A person is an individual member of the human family, to use the description given in the Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- Article 40.3.3 describes the right to life of the unborn as "equal" to the right to life of the mother. It quite rightly does not place the right to life of the unborn above that of the mother.
- Article 40.3.3 does not guarantee, in all circumstances, to be able to defend and vindicate the right to life of the unborn, any more than it can in the case of people who are born and living in our towns and villages. The State does, however, guarantee to respect the right to life of the unborn in its laws, just as it does in the case of other persons.

The right to life is unique, of course, because, in the absence of that right, no other civil or natural right can be exercised, either now or in the future.

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