



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 235

Second Sunday of Easter Time

8th April 2018

Masses During the Week

Monday: 9.00 am

Tue: No Mass.

Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am

Sat 10.00 am.

Confirmation

Next Thursday forty-one children from Kilbrittain and Granassig National Schools will be Confirmed in the Faith by Rt Rev Mons Leonard O'Brien. Confirmation Mass is at 10.30

No Eucharistic Adoration this week

To facilitate practice for Confirmation and church decoration by the schools.

Forty-Hour Adoration for Retaining the Eighth Amendment

Sunday morning 15th April 6.00 am until Monday night 16th April 10.00 pm – unbroken through Sunday, Sunday night and Monday. People are invited to commit to attend as adorers for portions of this time. Yellow timesheets are on display on side altar and in porches for names to be added. Contact Bernie Lyons or Helen Ryan.

Kilshinihan Mass Rock and Church Cleanup

Volunteers are invited to make up a meitheal on next Wed evening, April 11th. Meet at Mass Rock gate at 7.30 pm.

Station

Station for Kilshinihan and Ballycatten at Kilshinihan Mass Rock on Fri 18th May at

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

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7.00 pm, weather permitting. Otherwise at the home of Myles and Ann-Marie Desmond McSwiney, Ballycatten.

Station Appeal

I would like to hear from anybody intending to take a station for this Spring.

Ladies Group

Ladies Group meeting on Monday 9th April at 8.30 pm. Guest speaker will attend. New members welcome.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting of St. Joseph's Young Priests Soc on the 11th April, Wed at 8.00pm.

A. G. M. in Community Hall Wed. April 25th at 8.00 pm. Mass and a cuppa. All welcome

Historical Society AGM

The Kilbrittain Historical Society will be holding their AGM on Tuesday next, April 10th, at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall. A review of the previous year will take place and an agenda for the coming year will be announced. Current and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Membership will be accepted on the night.

Papal Mass Sunday 26th August

The Diocese has requested each parish to furnish them as soon as possible with the numbers of people intending to go as part of parish groups, as tickets for these travellers are being allocated by Dublin now. Parish Assembly needs to know who would be interested in going if the parish were to

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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

organise a bus or buses for this occasion.

Because of pressure from Dublin and a possible high demand for buses from other parishes, the deadline for names is this Sunday, 8th April, accompanied by a deposit of €20, fully refunded if we haven't enough to consider it worthwhile going as a parish group.

One thing to bear in mind is that the buses will be parked 5km from the Phoenix Park, that's up to an hour's walk for most people. The information that we have is that there will be shuttle buses for those with mobility issues, but the Dioceses can't say how limited or otherwise the service will be. I don't imagine that people will be turned away easily from shuttle buses on the day, but we don't know that. Also, there will be no seating available for anybody in the Park, people are expected to take folding chairs if the have to sit as we did in 1979 for the visit of Pope St John Paul II.

Names and deposit to Fr Cremin or Eileen O'Neill. "

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Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed! Jesus is clear in his words to Saint Thomas. On the other hand, he accepts the doubts of Thomas, allows Thomas to touch Him and continues to be the friend of Thomas.

There are so many ways in which we could be closer to our Lord Jesus. We cannot do everything at once. Like Thomas, we must accept our defects and also acknowledge them before the Lord.

The first reading today is from the Acts of the Apostles and the basic teaching is this: The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and they had everything in common.

We also know that this ideal state did not last for long before some began to withdraw from it or even to misuse it. There are still religious communities today which try to live this way. Most of us, however, share our goods with the causes that we find to be good. Sometimes it is good to reflect that God shares Himself with both the good and the evil. God give all.

The second reading is from the First Letter of Saint John. The words that might touch us deeply today are these: "The love of God is this, that we keep his commandments." Today so many people reject any kind of commandment, any kind of imposition from without. If we ever want to know God, we must be open to allowing Him into our hearts. God always brings commandments of one type or another. If there are no commandments, then we are deluding ourselves about God.

Today's Gospel is from Saint John. Jesus has just been raised from the dead. Now Jesus begins to appear to various of his followers. He appears to His disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit. This Gospel relates to us that Thomas was not present and would not believe the testimony of those who were. This Thomas is hard headed. So are so many of us today. We find it difficult to accept the testimony of others, especially if we have doubts about what they are saying. We want to see and touch and decide on our own and not just believe because someone else told me so. This lack of faith has always been present, both within the Church and outside the Church.

Our Christian faith is handed down by others. We come to know Christ, normally, from the testimony of others. We can accept the New Testament writing about Christ, but all of them are the testimony of others.

Abbot Philip

<https://christdesert.org/2018/04/2nd-sunday-easter-cycle-b-2018/>

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