



# Kilbrittain Parish

## Weekly Bulletin

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10 Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 June 2018

### Recently Deceased

Please remember in your prayers **Joseph Crowley, Kilbrittain**, who died during the week.

### Masses During the Week

Monday 9.00 am

Tue: No Mass.

Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am

Sat: 10.00 am

### Patsy's Day Trip

Organised by Patsy Norton. Wed next, 13<sup>th</sup> June, leaving Kilbrittain at 8.30 am. Incl. Foynes Flying Boat Museum; Tea & Scones; Cruise on Lough Derg; Visit Birdhill, Ireland's Tidiest Village 2017; Killaloe; Evening Meal in Corbett Court. €70 per person. Contact Patsy: 023-8849611 or 086-2355317.

### Children's Mass

This Sunday will be the last Children's Mass before the Summer break.

### Ladies Group Annual Walk

Ladies Group meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 pm for our Annual Walk. The walk will be around the woods. Meet at the Hall beforehand. Light refreshments afterwards at Celina's. Everyone welcome.

### Tea / Coffee Evening

Brendan and May Kearney invite you to a tea/coffee evening on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 7.00 pm onwards in memory of their son, Justin. All proceeds to HEART (Heart

Education & Research Trust) at Cork Regional Hospital. Please support this worthy cause.

### FROM THE CATECHISM

#### First Commandment

*"I am the Lord, your God, you shall not have strange Gods before me."*

2110 The first commandment forbids honouring gods other than the one Lord who has revealed himself to his people. It proscribes superstition and irreligion. Superstition in some sense represents a perverse excess of religion; irreligion is the vice contrary by defect to the virtue of religion.

#### Superstition

2111 Superstition is the deviation of religious feeling and of the practices this feeling imposes. It can even affect the worship we offer the true God, e.g., when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary. To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the interior dispositions that they demand, is to fall into superstition.

#### Idolatry

2113 Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God. Man commits idolatry whenever he honours and reveres a creature in place of God, whether this be gods or demons (for example, Satanism), power,

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BAPTISMS:  
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

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pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, etc. Jesus says, "You cannot serve God and mammon." Many martyrs died for not adoring "the Beast" refusing even to simulate such worship. Idolatry rejects the unique Lordship of God; it is therefore incompatible with communion with God.

#### Divination and magic

2116 All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honour, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone.

#### Irreligion

2119 Tempting God consists in putting his goodness and almighty power to the test by word or deed. Thus Satan tried to induce Jesus to throw himself down from the Temple and, by this gesture, force God to act. Jesus opposed Satan with the word of God: "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test." The challenge contained in such tempting of God wounds the respect and trust we owe our Creator and Lord. It always harbours doubt about his love, his providence, and his power.

2120 Sacrilege consists in profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments and other liturgical actions, as well as persons, things, or places consecrated to God. Sacrilege is a grave sin especially when committed against the Eucharist, for in this sacrament the true Body of Christ is made substantially present for us.

#### Atheism

2123 "Many . . . of our contemporaries either do not at all perceive, or explicitly reject, this intimate and vital bond of man to God. Atheism must therefore be regarded as one of the most serious problems of our time."

2124 The name "atheism" covers many very different phenomena. One common form is the practical materialism which restricts its needs and aspirations to space and time. Atheistic humanism falsely considers man to be "an end to himself, and the sole maker, with supreme control, of his own history."

2125 Since it rejects or denies the existence of God, atheism is a sin against the virtue of religion. The imputability of this offense can be significantly diminished in virtue of the intentions and the circumstances. "Believers can have more than a little to do with the rise of atheism. To the extent that they are careless about their instruction in the faith, or present its teaching falsely, or even fail in their religious, moral, or social life, they must be said to conceal rather than to reveal the true nature of God and of religion."

2126 Atheism is often based on a false conception of human autonomy, exaggerated to the point of refusing any dependence on God. Yet, "to acknowledge God is in no way to oppose the dignity of man, since such dignity is grounded and brought to perfection in God...." "For the Church knows full well that her message is in harmony with the most secret desires of the human heart."

#### Agnosticism

2127 Agnosticism assumes a number of forms. In certain cases the agnostic refrains from denying God; instead he postulates the existence of a transcendent being which is incapable of revealing itself, and about which nothing can be said. In other cases, the agnostic makes no judgment about God's existence, declaring it impossible to prove, or even to affirm or deny.

2128 Agnosticism can sometimes include a certain search for God, but it can equally express indifferentism, a flight from the ultimate question of existence, and a sluggish moral conscience. Agnosticism is all too often equivalent to practical atheism.

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