



Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses This Week

Mon 9.00 am.
Tue: NO MASS
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9.00 am
Sat 10.00 am.

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of April. Calls to the sick and housebound will be made during the week.

Stations of the Cross

Each Sunday night during Lent at 8.00 pm.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society AGM and Mass

Wednesday next, 3rd April, in the Parish Hall. Mass at 8.00 pm followed by AGM, tea & chat. All very welcome.

Children's Choir Practice

Practice for Children's Choir will be held in the Parish House from 7.00 to 7.45 on Wed next, 3rd April. Children from First Class up are very welcome. New hymns being learned every week

Children's Mass

Monthly catechesis in Parish House during 10.30 Mass next Sunday, April 7th.

Stations

Please consider hosting a Spring Station in your area.

Assembly Nominations

Nomination Forms are available in the pamphlet racks and porches of the church today. Please give a thought to who (including yourself) might have a calling to serve the parish in this way for the next three years. Today, Sunday 31st March is the last day for nominations.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

Lotto 16 - 26 - 28 - 30.

There was no winner of the €5,000 Jackpot. Winners of €30: John Paul Hayes (Maulmane); Martin Lehane; John McCarthy (Maryborough); Margaret Desmond; P&M Quinlan.

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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

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

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Next week's jackpot is €5,200. Please support!

St Matthew's Passion - Concert

East Cork Choral Society are 40 years old this year. They have chosen to perform Bach's St. Matthew Passion as part of their celebrations. The powerful music uses three choirs and double orchestra and is one of the most moving ways of hearing the Passion story. The performance is on Saturday April 13th in St. Patrick's Church, Lower Glanmire Road at 8.00p.m. The Choral Society will be joined by the Seafield Singers from Dublin, St. Patrick's Church Choir, East Cork Orchestra, soloists, Elizabeth Hilliard, Dominica Williams, Adrian Thompson and Cork's own Eoghan Desmond, and with Colin Nicholls completing 36 years as conductor. Tickets, €20, are available from Pro Musica, the Sacristy at St. Patrick's and Society members.

Knock & Lough Derg Retreat

Monday May 20th: Mass at Glenstal Abbey Limerick on route to Lough Derg. Tuesday 21st May: Lough Derg retreat from 9.30am-4pm. Wednesday 22nd May: Visit Knock Shrine on return journey. Two nights accommodation with 2 evening meals and Lough Derg retreat all included in the package. Contact: Office: 023-8849196, Cormac 087-6167835 or Denise 087-7688561 Email: cormac@oconnorbushire.com

Holy Land Pilgrimage

May 28th-June 7th 2019. Group Leader, Micheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). In association with Premier Travel, Cork. Contact Micheál at 0868337681 or email culturaltoursireland@gmail.com

God's way of thinking

In today's Mass, we have one of the most graphic descriptions of Jesus' – and therefore of God's – thinking. We are confronted with the attitude of God to the wrongdoer, his deep desire to forgive, that is, to be totally reconciled with the one who has severed relations with him.

The context of today's passage is important. Sinners and social outcasts were "all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say". The Pharisees and Scribes, who were the "good and religious" people, were shocked and disturbed. "This man welcomes sinners and [even worse] eats with them."

Jesus answers the Pharisees by telling three parables, only one of which is given in today's Gospel. The first parable is about a shepherd who has lost one of his sheep. He goes to extraordinary lengths, even leaving all the other sheep, to find that single one that has gone astray. That is a picture of God and the sinner. When he finds it, he has to share his joy with all his companions. The second parable is about a poor woman who loses a coin. It may be only one coin but it means a lot to her. She turns her house upside down till she finds it and when she does, she joyfully tells all her neighbours.

We thank God that we have a Lord who is so ready to forgive and welcome us back again and again. But we cannot stop there. We have to learn to act towards others in the same way. "Forgive us our sins AS we forgive those who sin against us."

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremin.com. Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm. Weekly Bulletin and archive since 2013 online at <http://www.kilbrittain.org>