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Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Masses This Week

Monday to Friday 9.00 am
No morning Mass on Saturday

Townland Rotas

This Weekend

7.00 pm -- A to C
8.00 pm -- F to K
10.30 am - L to Village

Next Weekend

7.00 pm -- F to K
8.00 pm -- L to Village
10.30 am -- A to C

Please try to follow rota if you can at all.



By means of the new Donate button on the parish website, offertory collections and dues can be accepted via Credit Card on a once-off basis or set to recur automatically.

ALIVE! The free Catholic monthly newspaper 'Alive' is once more available in our porches after a long absence due to lack of distributors. See also website [alive.ie](http://www.alive.ie)



The children's leaflet 'Look' is available once more in the racks at each porch door.

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 9:30 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

Reading 1: Today, we hear from the prophet Jeremiah. He was commissioned by God to speak God's word to the people of Israel, calling them to repentance and to submit to the will and plan of God. They were about to be chastised for their breaking of their covenant with God for many generations.

In today's reading, there are three parts. First, Jeremiah blames the religious and political leaders for the state of that the people. Instead of shepherding the people as God desired, they have shepherd themselves and have allowed the people to go astray. These shepherd will be punished. Secondly, God will shepherd his people properly, bringing them back to the truth and right living of the covenant with him. He will appoint shepherds who will be true to their call. Thirdly, we have the prophecy concerning a future Savior, one who will Shepherd God's people properly.

We know that Jeremiah was prophesying about Jesus, who through his death and resurrection has brought justice and mercy into the world. As our justice, he gave his life for our life.

Gospel: Background: Jesus had sent the Apostles on their first missionary journey to preach the message of repentance, to cure the sick and to drive out demons. They came back excited by what they experienced. Jesus could see that they were exhausted. They had given their all in ministry. Out of compassion, like a

good shepherd, he took them to a quiet place for some rest and recreation. But even there, people came for more ministry.

Jesus didn't say come back tomorrow. He had compassion on the people for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Do you see the connection with the first reading? God says that his people were without good shepherds. He promised to care for them himself, to provide good shepherds for them. These are the Apostles and their successors. He promised a Savior. That is Jesus.

What follows the verses that said Jesus began to teach them is the multiplication of the loaves and the fish to feed them. Not only were they spiritually hungry for the word of truth, but now they were physically hungry. In our celebration today, we have been taught and nourished by the Word of God. Now, Jesus, the Shepherd, will feed us with his own Body and Blood, so that nourished by his Word and his Body and Blood we can continue our journey to him this week.

<http://www.spiritaflame.org/>

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