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Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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17th 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 -- F to K
8.00 pm -- L to Village
10.30 am -- A to C

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

Please try to follow rota if you can at all.

Everesting Challenge

On July 31st, Declan Fitzgerald, the local postman, will be doing an Everesting challenge. Everesting is cycling, or running, up and down a single hill, in a single activity until you've climbed 8,848m, the height of Mt. Everest. What this means for Dec is that he'll be cycling up and down Rathclaren Hill 88 times, covering 324km and spending 17/18 hours on the bike.

He's not just doing this for the good of his health! He's fundraising for two very worthwhile charities, West Cork Rapid Response and Marymount Hospice. Donations can be made online at the link below or can be given directly to Declan. People can come out and cheer him on, and all encouragement will be appreciated, especially as the day goes on.

https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11406648_everest-in-west-cork.html

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

Eucharistic Prayer I

A very welcome recommendation Pope Francis made in his letter this week restricting the use of the Latin Mass was that we should try to extend the use of the First Eucharistic Prayer at Masses

The central part of the Mass is the prayer between the 'Holy, Holy' and the 'Our Father', by which the bread and wine are consecrated to become the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer was known in Latin days as the 'Canon' of the Mass. With the change to English this prayer was translated but three other alternative prayers were also composed. The translated Canon was given the name Eucharistic Prayer One and the three new ones were called Eucharistic Prayer Two, Three and Four respectively.

Eucharistic Prayer Four, for liturgical reasons, was very limited in its application and, since Prayers Two and Three were shorter than Eucharistic Prayer One, they were used more or less equally but overwhelmingly more frequently than Eucharistic Prayer One.

Even though Eucharistic Prayer Two is the shortest of the four, Eucharistic Prayer One is only a minute and a half longer on average. But if we pay attention to it we'll soon see that it brings the prayers and intentions of the

congregation to the altar in very clear ways. For example, it starts by asking God to guard the Church and 'all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the Catholic and Apostolic Faith'.

We are reminded that the Mass is offered for the intentions of all in the following prayer:

Remember those now living
(and the priest pauses to allow each to think of those whom they wish to pray for) **and all gathered here whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true'**

Likewise, toward the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest pauses during the prayer for the dead so we can include our own deceased.

This very welcome reminder from the Pope turns the focus of the Mass back very clearly on the core identity of every Mass: the Body and Blood of Jesus shed in sacrifice for us and our participation in that sacrifice and the Salvation it won for us.