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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Masses this Week

Monday to Friday 9.00 am

Saturday Morning 11.00 am

Ministers of the Eucharist

New Rota in effect from this weekend is available in the sacristy now and on kilbrittain.org/rotas

Indulgences

Don't forget the special privilege we have this year which extends the indulgence for visiting a cemetery to EVERY DAY in November, and not just the first week.

Online Theology Open Evening,

is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click here or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to

find out more about our Online Open Evening on Thursday 2 December 7pm.

This is the link to register for the Online Open Evening <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-evening>

False Alarm!

When invited to a four-day conference entitled 'Stepping-stones to the Future' as the first step in the process of renewing our parish structure I wasn't the only one to expect to return with some indication of how the future lay.

Priests and parishioners are apprehensive about what the urgent and necessary adjustments to cope with the shortage of priests will mean. I suppose the days in Killarney this week could be said to have addressed the perceived fears and concerns of priests before a future facing of the actual

reality. For that reason I was very surprised when the week's programme was laid out at the first session on Sunday evening that there was no reference to practical measures.

Led by two lay facilitators, the conference guided priests through their own inward position and feelings regarding their past, present and future situation. This introspection was more appreciated by some than by others.

TODAY'S READINGS

The first reading today is from the Book of Daniel and recounts a vision of the Prophet Daniel. In that vision, all peoples, nations, and languages serve Him. This is a vision of what can be, not a vision of what is. Only by seeking the Lord faithfully will the world ever be this way. At the end of time, this is what will be.

The second reading is from the Book of Revelation. We are given a prophecy that at the end of time, everyone will see the Lord Jesus, even those who have pierced Him. That is to say that even those of us who have wounded Christ with our sins can see Him in the end. This is not a prophecy of universal salvation but a prophecy that at the end each of us will see the Lord. This is the judgment that is to come. Will we accept Him as Lord?

The Gospel of Saint John today makes clear to us that the Kingdom of Jesus is not a Kingdom of this world but a

Kingdom in the world to come, life after death, life with Jesus forever—or life rejecting Jesus forever. We must choose to be in His Kingdom or we shall live forever in the Kingdom of Satan.

The great Solemnity wants us all to be aware that we must choose in this life to live with the Lord Jesus. We may perhaps not choose always consistently, but the Lord who knows our hearts and our beings will know whether we truly seek Him in our own small and broken fashion or whether we have chosen the Satan as our king. Strong words for the last Sunday of our liturgical year!



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