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Renewed and Revitalized by Terry Stead

*..but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."Isaiah 40:31*

A New Year has once again begun, which usually means we want to start afresh and hopefully do things differently this year. We have been rushing around both before and after Christmas, enjoying the company of family and friends and stressing out about all sorts of things which have nothing to do with Christ's birth.

As children we counted down the days until that wonderful morning when we would awaken to presents and to the fun and laughter of all that day brings. As adults we count down the days, madly baking and buying last minute presents and cards to send to our many family and friends. After the celebrations have finished we cleaned up and wondered why we went to all that trouble as we are left tired and flat.

The above passage from Isaiah points out to us that if we have faith and hope in the Lord then we are able to draw on the strength and peace that only God can give as we start this New Year.

I used to think that this passage was just for saints and those who spent all their time working for the Lord, but over the years I have come to realize that it applies to all of us, no matter the reason for our tiredness and listlessness.

It could be that we have become weary from the days of endless stress at work or at home and all we feel like doing is crawling into our own shells and shutting the rest of the world out. Illness or family tensions leave us exhausted.

It could be through a feeling of loneliness or perhaps the opposite – too many people crowding in and making demands on us, that we simply want to stand up and say "enough is enough". That is when God wraps us in His loving arms and lifts up our heads so we can face another day.

Prayer for the New Year:

Loving One, we awake to this new year, knowing that
You will be beside us and alive in us each moment of every day.
As this year unfolds give us the strength and the peace that
we need to keep going so that we may live a life of joy as
You so wish us to have. Thank you,
Lord, that every moment is a new beginning,
not just the start of a new year and help us to soar on

wings of eagles when we become weary.
Amen.

Argideen Threshing Committee are holding a social/dance at Harrington's Inn on Mon, night Jan 7. Music by Finbarr Dennehy. Proceeds to Cancer Research and Local Charities. Your support would be appreciated.

Kilbritten Ladies Social Group have their next meeting on Mon. Jan 14 at 9pm in the hall. The annual night out to the Greyhound Track is Sat Jan. 26. Book a seat with Liz O'Connor.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting in the sacristy on Jan 15 at 8.00pm. The A.G.M. of the above will be held in the hall on Wed. Jan 23 at 8pm. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Kilbritten Notes for the Southern Star: Any club in the parish with notes about any event please forward to Kathleen O'Neill Maryboro before 9pm on Mon night for inclusion in the Southern Star that week. These can also be left at Hennessy's -Food store. Contact 023 8846167 or 086 2615392.

Congratulations to the pupils of **Kilbritten N.S.** and **Gurraneasig N.S.** for their recent outstanding Christmas Concerts. Well done to all.

Kilbritten Community Alert urge people to remain vigilant regarding callers or unusual activity.
Computer users be careful of requests for passwords, bank account numbers etc. Banks and official institutions do not ask for this information via computer.

Useful Help lines:

www.citizensinformation.ie 0761076940
0761072450

(money advice and budgeting service)

Samaritans 1850609090

SouthDoc 1850335999

Useful dates for the coming month:

Epiphany of the Lord - Jan. 6

Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 12

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Jan. 18-25

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - Jan. 20

St. John Bosco (Patron Saint of Youth) - Jan. 31

St. Brigid - Feb. 1

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Entries for February Bulletin to be submitted on or before Sunday January

27th.

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Tuesday - Day off

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil: (Sat) 8.00pm Sun. 10.30am

Weekday Mass Mon to Fri. excl. Tues. at 9.00am

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.00am

Saturday Mass 10.00am

Confessions after Mass Sat. morning or by arrangement.

Baptisms Sunday 12.15pm or by arrangement .

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 2.00pm -8.00pm

If you have an hour to spare every week and would like to join our Adoration Group just complete the following and return to the parish;

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

Adoration time that suits me: Monday _____ Hour _____

Wednesday _____ Hour _____

Leaflet holders -You will find The Sunday Letter Leaflet in the holders at each door of the church. Please feel free to take one home with you after mass.

There is also the weekly "**LOOK**" activity sheet for our Children in the holders. It is full of interesting things to do based on the readings for the Sunday Mass.