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## *Kilbrittain Parish Bulletin May 2013*

May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today.

May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, in Europe, Asia, and North America, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary,

who brought life into the world.

This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers on the May Altar,

which bring nature into the church, marking the beginning of new growth.

Our lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the church finds its beginnings can also be celebrated in May when we celebrate the

First Holy Communion of our children along with several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima/Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Monday 13 and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday 31st.



**Legion of Mary** will hold their meetings at the new time of 7.30pm every Monday in the Sacristy. New members welcome.

**Rosary** at the Grotto every Mon. night during May at 8.30pm. (Please note new time)

**Kilbrittain Montessori Pre-School** invite you to register your child during the coming week. Limited ECCE spaces left for Sept. 2013. Contact Emma 086 1720574 or Gill 086 8922174.

**Argideen Threshing Committee** is holding a social and dance on Bank Holiday Monday night May 6 at Harrington's Inn. Music by Peter Burke.

**Kilbrittain Red Cross** is holding a meeting on Wed. May 8 at 9pm. New members welcome.

**Pieta House Suicide Crisis Centre** is holding a Darkness into Light 5K event on Sat. May 11 at 4am [dil.pieta.ie](http://dil.pieta.ie).

**Kilbrittain Ladies Social Group** is holding a guided Herbal walk on Sun.

May 12 at 2pm sharp at Ballinreeshig Nature Farm, Ballygarvan with Margie Lynch. Tea/Scones €10. All are very welcome. Please bring walking shoes, water, raingear/jacket and folding chair.

**Annual Padre Pio Mass** at Enniskeane Church on Thurs. May 23. at 8pm. All are welcome.

**Kilbrittain Welfare** annual sponsored walk in aid of Kilbrittain branch of the Red Cross will take place on Sun May 26 at 2pm from the chapel steps. Please come and support.

**Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive Service** is recruiting volunteers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in both C.U.H. and the Mercy Hospital Cork. The Cancer Society recruit and train volunteers and driver's expenses are paid. Phone Gail 01 2310566 or email [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie)

**Congratulations to Kilbrittain N.S.** who recently won First Prize in the Walton's Music for Schools Competition held in The National Concert Hall Dublin.

Well done to all.

Parish Bulletins can be viewed on the Parish Website.

[www.parish.kilbrittain.net](http://www.parish.kilbrittain.net)

Find us on facebook Google kilbrittain young people.

Entries for June Bulletin to be submitted on or before Sunday May 26.

Contact Denis 086 3580444 or email [killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie](mailto:killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie)

## **The Year of Faith**



### **Do you know what the year of Faith is?**

Emeritus Pope Benedict has set aside a special year for Catholics throughout the world to rediscover, and share with others, the precious gift of Faith entrusted to the Church and the personal gift of faith that we have each received from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Over the next number of months we hope to pose some questions and give some answers that may help people to know a little more about their faith. In the month of May we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday so:

### **What happened on Pentecost?**

Fifty days after his Resurrection, the Lord sent the Holy Spirit down from heaven upon his disciples. The age of the Church began.

*On Pentecost the Holy Spirit transformed fearful apostles into courageous witnesses to Christ. In a very short time, thousands had themselves baptized: it was the birthday of the Church. The miracle of the Languages on Pentecost show that the Church is there for all peoples from the very beginning: she is*

*universal (=the Latin term for the Greek kat'holon, catholic) and missionary. She speaks to all, overcomes ethnic and linguistic barriers, and can be understood by all. To this day the Holy Spirit is the "soul" of the Church, the essential principle of her life.*

### **What does the Holy Spirit do in my life?**

The Holy Spirit makes me receptive to God; it teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for other.

*St. Augustine calls the Holy Spirit "The quiet guest of our soul."*

*Anyone who wants to sense its presence must be quiet. Often this Guest speaks very softly within us and with us, for instance, in the voice of our conscience or through other interior and exterior promptings. Being the "temple of the Holy Spirit" means being there, body and soul, for this Guest, for God in us.*

(Taken from YOCAT-Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church)

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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 please contact Fr. John.

**Leaflet holders** have been put at each door of the church.

**Lectio Divina** continues every Thurs. night at 8pm in the parish house. All are welcome.

May 12 Ascension of the Lord

May 15 Clashavanna Cemetery Mass at 8pm.

May 19 Pentecost Sunday

May 26 Holy Trinity Sunday

May 30 Exam Mass at 8pm.

May 31 Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary.

June 2 Corpus Christi

**Parish Assembly 2013:** Would those who have not returned their Acceptance Forms please do so as soon as possible.

**What is a Parish Assembly?** It is a gathering of a cross-section of people from the Parish who together will begin to create a renewed experience of belonging and participating in the life of the Parish. The assembly is a

collaborative body of laity, clergy who together participate in a formation process and together draw up a programme for the Parish and begin its implementation. The Parish Assembly will have a three-year term.