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Pastoral Plans

Time; where does it go to? This time three years ago we were in the throes of developing the first Parish Pastoral Assembly. Elections had taken place and we were 'counting the votes' and getting ready for the preparatory meetings.

Those you have elected have planned and worked ever since and made improvements and differences in the parish. These have ranged over church, ecumenical and community aspects. Three different groups have worked independently and in cooperation with one another and a coordinating group has worked with all of them.

Now we are planning for a new Parish Pastoral Assembly. Voting papers together with area lists of eligible people will be distributed around the 17th of July. You will be asked to vote for three people from your area, at least one of them a young person (between the ages of 18 and 28). The votes will be collected in your sealed envelope about two weeks later.

Once the new members are appointed a series of preparatory meetings will be held in the parish. These will be followed by a week end in Myross Wood to plan for the next three years. We are confident that the new people will develop their own vision, and build on the very good work that has been done over the last three years.

We thank all those who have given their time and energy to the parish through the Assembly for the last three years.

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Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil, (Sat) 8.00 p.m.

Morning, 9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday, 12.00 noon 7.30 p.m.

Baptisms:

Sunday, 12.15 p.m. or by arrangement.

Marriages:

Karen O'Mahony, to Mickie Nolan, Knoppogue.

Michelle Sexton to Denis O'Mahony, Kilbrittain Village

*This is a great mystery and I am applying it to Christ and the church.
(Ephesians 5:32)*

Deaths:

Lou O'Donovan, Coolmain
Mickie Nolan, Knoppogue.

God's grace and mercy are with those he has chosen. (Wisdon 4:15)

Parish Pastoral Assembly**Parish Pastoral Group:**

The Pastoral Group, which was elected at the Assembly weekend, is the co-ordinating body for the whole Assembly. One of the main tasks of this group has been to draft a Constitution for the Assembly. The Constitution was adopted at a plenary meeting of the Assembly in October 2003.

The group arrange for meetings of the full assembly. They arranged different kinds of gatherings, business, prayer and social occasions. Three members also act as a liaison with the working groups and attend their meetings.

They lost two members during the period, both of whom left the parish.

The group is now spearheading the planning for the upcoming elections and the preparation for the new Parish Pastoral Assembly.

**Communications Group:**

This group has initiated the Ecumenical dialogue which has resulted in the Church of Ireland and ourselves sharing Carol Services. On the First Sunday of Advent each year a group of parishioners joined in the Advent Carol Service in Rathclarin Church. On the Third Sunday the Church of Ireland people and others join in the Christmas Carol Service in Kilbrittain Church.

The group also initiated a Parish Website. This was set up early in 2002. The website is updated regularly and can be surfed at www.parish.kilbrittain.net

This can also be emailed at parish@kilbrittain.net

Enquiries about relatives who left Kilbrittain in the 19th century have come from right around the world.

Clubs and organisations from the parish are invited to put information on the website.

**Faith and Liturgy Group:**

This group's aim is to create a greater sense of community and belonging and to help people to a deeper relationship with God.

In the Spring of 2002 the mission was held as a result of their work. This was very well attended both mornings and evenings. The reactions were very favourable. Then they organised a three day retreat in Lent 2004.

During the Novena for the Holy Souls a night was set aside for those who had died in the previous year. Relatives were invited to take an active part in this Mass.

A Mass was celebrated each May for the Junior and Leaving certificate students. These played an active part in the Mass.

This group has worked hard to encourage congregational singing at Mass, producing a Christmas Carol booklet.

They have been involved in planning the Carol Services. They were also involved in planning the prayer gatherings for the whole assembly.



Community Group:

This group has looked at a wide variety of community issues and met with a number of organisations.

They were instrumental in reactivating the Community Alert, setting a new group with its own officers.

They were also instrumental in getting the Kilbrittain Festival revitalised. After two years of hard work they got a committee to run the festival. Many of the group members were actively involved in the very successful festival which was held during the summer of 2003. They hope that the work will continue in to the future.

They also met with the Welfare group and those working towards a Childrens Playground with the offer of assistance. They are still are working on the possibility of getting a childrens playground established.
