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Recession.

We seem to hear nothing but talk of recession these days. We have certainly had good times even if most of us only benefited moderately and quite a number did not benefit at all. However there had been a lot of criticism of excess and extravagant spending. Now we are hearing words such as greed to describe some of what went on. There is no doubt that in places Christian values were forgotten or ignored. Yet in the midst of the "Celtic Tiger" there was a lot of generosity and many charities and voluntary organisations did well.

Of necessity we have to be more sparing and more frugal in our spending in the present climate. Lent can be a help in putting a Christian dimension on what we need to do. Lent a time of self denial - not out of necessity - but because we want to make a voluntary response in gratitude for what we have and what we enjoy.

Prayer, fasting, almsgiving are the three pillars of Lent. These help us to look beyond ourselves, to be grateful for what we have and to be conscious of those who have very little. The word recession is meaningless to a majority of people in the world. Still a recession does effect them. Lent and particularly our Trocaire Lenten campaign helps us to be aware and to reach out.



Trocaire

Trocaire Boxes are available at the Church. It is a good idea to have the box in some prominent place in the house during Lent. What is saved by the Lenten Fast could be put into the box. On **Holy Thursday**, the evening on which we celebrate the **Last Supper**, the Boxes will be brought to the Altar at the time of the Offerings.

Notice Board

Deaths:

Denny Murphy, Glaunavaud.
Ann Corcoran, Maulnaskimlehane.
Derry O'Mahony, Coundereen

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

First Penance

The children preparing to make their First Holy Communion this year will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance on **Tuesday**, 10th March at **8.00 p.m.**



Spring Stations

Saturday 17th January:

Marian Moloney, Granfeen. 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 28th February:

Aidan and Annette Walsh, Knoppogue. 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 14th March:

Donal and Noelle McCarthy, Clashreagh. 11.00 a.m.

Thursday 19th March:

Liam and Helen Ryan, Burren. 8.00 p.m.

Friday 27th March:

Joe and Noreen Sweetnam, Ballycatten. 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 18th April:

Pakie and Mary O'Neill, Maryboro. 11.00 a.m.

Wednesday 22nd April:

Barry and Kathleen O'Mahony, Barleyfield. 11.00 a.m.

Friday 24th April:

Seamus and Ruth O'Mahony, Ardacrow. 8.00 p.m.

Enquiries have been made for other stations but dates not been firmed up yet. I would again encourage moderation in the hospitality..

Tom Riordan P.P.



Lent Adoration

The **Blessed Sacrament** will be placed on the Altar, in Kilbrittain Church on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. People are welcome to come for whatever time suits, five minutes or for the hour. Keep a space in your calendar of events.

Stations of the Cross

Sunday evenings of Lent, 8.00 p.m.



Kilbrittain Parish Mission

25th April - 2nd May

Journeying together in Faith and Hope

Conducted by

Fr. John P. O'Riordan C.Ss.R.

Fr. Denis Luddy C.Ss.R.

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Income and Expenditure 2008

Income €58,260.15

Expenditure €25,357.94

Credit Balance over the year €32,902.21

Including the credit balance above we have an overall figure of about €64,000.00 credit in the Bank.

Sunday Collection

Sunday 22nd February. €921.00



Kilbriittain's Traumatic Days

The news of Ann Corcoran's disappearance shocked us. The response to the effort to find her was astounding. The way people came both from the community and from far and wide, to search or to look after those who went out to search, was remarked on by so many people. The news that she was found in a shallow grave compounded the shock and deepened the sadness. Yet an event like this can bring out the best in individuals and in communities. We can be grateful and we can be proud in Kilbriittain. The dignity with which the whole event was handled was truly worthy. The Faith we profess, the Christianity we have inherited does have a deep influence in our lives and does impact on our behaviour.

The sad memories which we carry can be softened by a deep sense of gratitude for the goodness we have experienced, for the Grace of God in our midst..



"Although God demands a whole heart, He will accept a broken one if He gets all the pieces."

Mary Irving
