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New Beginnings.

It has been a disappointing summer. It seems as if it never stopped raining. The rainfall, in this area, for July was over twice the average and for August it is already approaching twice the average. Still the temperatures are very nearly average. In spite of this many people have expressed gratitude that we did not have the disastrous floods and land slides that were experienced in other places. We could be a lot worse off. We do not have hurricanes, drought, forest fires, tsunamis or any of the really dreadful disasters we seem on our TV screens

Then there is something about Autumn that brings us to new beginnings. For those going back to school it is a new year. Life is full of new beginnings and there is a newness and a beginning about the start of each school year. We wish all you scholars well. Those starting off we hope you love it. Those going into a new school we hope you find it interesting and exciting. For those going into exam years we hope you will do well. For the rest have a great year.

For many more it is a time to look at interests or leisure opportunities. There is a bewildering variety to suit body and spirit. There are numerous opportunities for spiritual development. There are some parish based ones and others at a broader level. Now is a time to make resolutions, to take opportunities.



Marriages:

Hayes, Harbour View to Declan Collins, Dublin Hill.

May they be blessed with happiness in life

Deaths:

Mary Ahern, Harbour View. Babs Hallissey, Cloundereen.

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



Autumn Stations

Saturday 5th July:

Margaret O'Leary Burren 11.00 a.m.

Friday 22nd August:

Michael and Rosie Hayes Glendubh West 8.00 p.m.

Thursday 4th September:

John and Marie O'Mahony, Maryboro. 11.00 a.m.

Friday 19th September:

Kevin and Frances Harrington Granfeen 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 20th September:

Kieran and Maureen Butler Ballymore 11.00 a.m.

Friday: 26th September

Gerard and Louise Hickey Ardacrow 8.00 p.m.

Friday: 3rd October

Joe and Joan Kingston Garryndruig 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 4th October:

Mary Brennan Barleyfield 11.00 a.m.

Saturday: 8th November

Denis and Margaret Collins Killeens. 8.00 p.m.

Friday: 13th November

Dermot and Ita Hayes Farnagark 8.00 p.m.

Friday: 14th November

Fintan and Eileen Crowley Gurranreagh 8.00 p.m.

Thank you to all who have offered to host the station this year. I would again encourage moderation in the hospitality.

Tom Riordan P.P.

First Friday Adoration

The **Blessed Sacrament** is on the Altar, in Kilbrittain Church each First Friday 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



Child Protection

"The Diocese of Cork and Ross recognises that, while child protection is everyone's responsibility, all involved in working with children and young people have a special duty of care towards them" [*Diocesan Guidelines*].

Kilbrittain Parish Representatives.

The Child Protection Representatives for this Parish are Teresa Ahern and Elmarie Sage. They have undergone a training course and have got Garda clearance. They have already agreed a Policy Statement for the parish which will be published sometime in September. They will then meet the people who are involved with young people at parish level.

The Role of the Representatives will be to; Agree a policy statement for the parish vision for children. (Already done) Help the parish to develop an awareness of best practice principles and procedures. Provide information on Statutory Provisions, Church Guidelines and Diocesan Policy. Implement basic procedures that will show how the policy statement is followed.

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Parish Pastoral Areas

Parish Pastoral Areas have now been set up by Bishop Buckley. The project is to enable neighbouring parishes to work collaboratively towards the building up of a vibrant faith community in each of the separate parishes. Kilbrittain Parish belongs to a group of five parishes, Bandon, Enniskeane, Innishannon, Kilbrittain and Newcestown. **Fr John Kingston** of Innishannon has been appointed Coordinator of this area. Bishop Buckley will be meeting the coordinators of all the areas in mid September. Following on that meetings of the areas will be arranged. Members of the PPA and the Finance Committees as well as the priests will attend these meetings.
