# Kilbrittain Parish Bulletin

## November 2008

## Lord for those who believe in your love death is not the end

The death of a Christian is not the end of life, but rather a transformation in an onward journey towards eternal life with God. We believe that this call to eternal life begins for all Christians in the waters of baptism. Nevertheless for those family and friends who are bereaved there is sadness in parting, and death when it comes, even when it has been expected, such as after a long illness, always leaves a sense of loss and shock.

The Catholic Church has over many centuries developed a rich tradition in its liturgy for funerals. This liturgy seeks to balance the need to console those who are mourning with the hope in the person of Christ who is our "life and our resurrection". The Catholic funeral rites commend the deceased to the mercy of God, and as we give thanks to God for the life of a Christian we pray that God may forgive whatever sins the deceased may have committed through human weakness.

## In baptism they died with Christ

The prayers and symbols used at the reception of the body in the church recall the dignity of each Christian given to them by their baptism. The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water as a remembrance that in the waters of baptism Christians receive the pledge of eternal life. The coffin is covered with a funeral pall to recall that on the day of their baptism a Christian is wrapped in a white robe as a child of God. The coffin is placed before the Paschal candle, symbolising Christ's undying presence, and his victory over death by his resurrection. Other Christian symbols such as a Cross or the Book of the Gospels may also be placed on the coffin at this time.

Irish Episcopal Commission for Liturgy

Monday 27th October (Bank Holiday) Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Feast of All Saints Saturday 1st November 2008 Mass Times: Vigil, (Friday) 8.00 p.m. Morning, 9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Feast of All Souls Sunday 2nd November 2008 Vigil, (Saturday) 8.00 p.m. Morning, 9.00 a.m. 11.30 p.m.

The Novena of Masses will be from the 2nd to the 10th of November First Sunday of Advent is on the 30th of November 2008.

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Notice Board Deaths:

Tony Hunt, Flaxfort Sean Fitzgerald, Clashreagh. Babs Coughlan, Coolshinnagh. Kathleen Lordan, Barleyfield.

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

#### **Autumn Stations**

**Saturday: 8th November** 

Denis and Margaret Collins Killeens. 11.00 a.m.

**Thursday: 13th November** 

Dermot and Ita Hayes Farnagark 8.00 p.m.

Friday: 14th November

Fintan and Eileen Crowley Gurranreagh 8.00 p.m.

There have only been eleven Stations booked in this Autumn. We will hold the remaining Stations, in the Parish Church, on two Saturday mornings at **11.00 a.m.** 

**Saturday 23rd November:** Kielnamaul, Maulmane, Maulnaskimlehane and Cripple Hill. Knockbrown and Baurleigh. Kilshinihan and Ballycatten. Ratharoon. Bawnea and Clounbogue

**Saturday 29th November:** Coolmain and Gurraneasig. Glenduff East and East Village. Castle View and Meadow View. Shanakiel, Ballinakeen, Coolshinnagh and Clashavanna.

Our thanks to all those who hosted the Stations to date. Thank you all for your generous contributions to the Autumn Dues.



#### **November Novena**

The envelopes for the Novena of Masses are being distributed. The Masses from the **2nd to the 10th of November** are offered for those whom you wish to be remembered. Masses on **All Souls Day** will be the usual Sunday Masses this year and for the Novena Mass will be at **8.00 pm.** each week day except Saturday at **9.00 am.** 

We will also remember especially those buried in the cemeteries of the parish on different evenings of the Novena: Monday 3rd, **Clashavanna**, Tuesday, **Rathclaren**; Wednesday, **Shanakiel**; Saturday 8th, **Currarane**; and on Thursday the priests buried in the church grounds and past priests of the parish. On **Friday, 7th November**, we will remember especially those who died in the last year.



## **Kilbrittain Parish**

### **Child Protection Policy Statement**

The Parish of Kilbrittain values and encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and in activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development. The Parish recognises the dignity and rights of all children and young people and is committed to their protection and support.

All relevant procedures will be put in place to create a safe environment for children and young people and to enable their full participation in the life of the Church. Details of these procedures are available from your Parish Representatives.

The Parish Representatives will oversee the implementation of these procedures with group leaders who work with children and young people in Church-related activities.

The Parish Representatives for this Parish are: Teresa Ahern 023 49670 Elmarie Sage 023 49899