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Happy Days

The Summer of 2003 will be remembered with gratitude for a long time. Just like the long hot summers in 'days of yore', or at least as rosy memories have it. The warm sunny days of July and August gave us a great lift and help us to face into the shortening days approaching.

The highlight of the summer in Kilbrittain was the very successful Festival. It was very much a home event and gave local people a chance to mingle and have some real fun. The great buzz around the place and the comments indicate how welcome it all was. Back at the Parish Assembly weekend two years ago as people reflected on the parish and on what the Assembly could contribute the idea of reviving the Kilbrittain Festival came up. The project was taken on board by the Community Group. For two years they persevered in their efforts to get people behind the idea and eventually it bore fruit. A committee was formed and with a lot of hard work they provided us with the Festival. Our congratulations to the committee members and to the very many workers who contributed so much to make it such a happy event. Our gratitude to God who blessed us with such good weather.

As we face into the Autumn we wish well to all those making a new beginning, from those in the junior infants right through to third level and to all who are in new jobs or new situations in life.



Autumn Stations:

Saturday 6th September: John and Lucy Butler, Ballybeg. 11.00 a.m.

Friday 19th September: Gerard and Kathleen O'Neill, Maryboro. 11.00 a.m.

Friday 26th September: Sam and Susan O'Donovan, Glendubh 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 18th October: Pat and Helen Walsh Ratharoon 11.00 a.m.

Thanks is due for the response to the request to keep the Station hospitality simple. I suppose we could still be a little bit more moderate. I know people love to be generous but generous hospitality can be very simple.

Marriages:

Fiona O'Donovan, Barleyfield to James Daly, Rosscarbery.

Rachel Lynch, Clonbuig, to Kevin O'Driscoll, Knockbrown.

Carmel O'Mahony, Maryboro, to Dermot Buckley, Kilcully

May they be blessed with happiness in life.

Deaths:

Neilie Harrington, Rathclaren.

Danny Coughlan, Clonbuig.

Maura Whelton, Gurraneasig.

May they find eternal happiness with the Lord.

Sunday Collection

Sunday 24th August €779.00

The weekly collection hovered between €800 and €900 for the summer weeks. We are grateful to those who responded so well to the suggestion that we raise the level of contribution.

Building Projects.

We have engaged Mr. Liam Kavanagh to draw up plans for the leaning wall and for the slating of the church. He visited Kilbriain this month, assessed the needs and took measurements. We had already asked an engineer to draw up plans for the wall but since nothing had materialised in the last six months we asked Mr. Kavanagh to take on the task. We hope that plans for both projects will be ready to go to tender in the not too distant future.

More Catechism

These are some of the questions the children learn from 4th class upwards.

Q. What do we celebrate in the sacraments?

A. In the sacraments we celebrate God's presence to us through the Lord Jesus in signs and symbols.

Q. What do we celebrate in the sacrament of Baptism?

A. In the sacrament of Baptism we celebrate our freedom from sin as children of God in the Christian community, through the action of the Risen Jesus.

Q. What do we celebrate in the sacrament of Holy Orders?

A. In the sacrament of Holy Orders we celebrate God's call to people to serve others in the community of the Church as deacons, priests and bishops and his presence with them helping them to carry out their mission.

Q. What do we celebrate in the sacrament of Marriage?

A. In the sacrament of Marriage we celebrate God's presence with a man and woman as they come together as husband and wife and promise to love each other until death and to bring up their children in God's love.
