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Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

20th February 2022

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses this week

Monday: 9.00am

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am

Saturday 10.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Wednesdays 2.00 to 8.00 p m

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian Life. Vatican II

Lourdes Special Collection

This collection was cancelled at short notice this year because Covid effects mean there will be no pilgrimage this year and, therefore, no expense. Some people who weren't aware of the cancellation left in donations over the last two weekends. We have put this money in parish funds and credited it to their respective

envelope numbers. Donors may wish to treat these now as advance donations to the parish and to skip the equivalent of Sunday envelopes. Alternatively, we will be happy to refund donations.



Secure online donations for Sunday Collections and Priest's Income can be made at www.kilbrittain.org

CAMOGIE AGM

Kilbrittain Timoleague camogie AGM will take place Wednesday 23rd, @ 8 o'clock, Kilbrittain Village hall.

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BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9:30 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

In face of violence Jesus says: turn the other cheek. He calls for resistance, but non-violent resistance - that states and lays claim to our own dignity and our own inner freedom. To turn the other cheek is to stand up straight, look the offender straight in the eye, name the injustice for what it is - and to claim our own dignity. It is most certainly not meek submission - "put up with it", "say nothing", "cover up" - that simply serves to feed a debilitating dependence. Remember Jesus under interrogation in the courtyard of the High Priest: Why did you strike me? - He confronted his aggressors.

Non-violent resistance doesn't necessarily stop further aggression - that is why it calls for considerable courage - but it changes the dynamic; it shows clearly where the dignity lies. And it puts stop to the cycle of vindictiveness and revenge. And it may even on occasion work - enabling offenders to see what they are doing. (Of course, a violent response, even if victorious, rarely stops further violence either - it simply puts it off for another day.)

Beyond that, away from the heat of confrontation, Jesus says: pray for those who hate you. Why? because there is danger in hatred - it sucks us in... we struggle to love those who hate us. But unless we do love, we get caught in the web of dependence and we lose our inner freedom: Their

attitudes determine our attitudes: they call the tune, and we're not free. So, says Jesus, pray for them: pray to break that spontaneous connection in our own minds between what they do and who they are. Pray to love them as God loves them - as God loves me.

The crucified Christ prayed for his torturers: Father, forgive them. They killed him physically. They couldn't kill him spiritually. They couldn't dehumanise him - though they tried. He refused to get sucked into their bitterness. He retained his dignity. He stayed free.

Fr John McKinnon

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Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change

Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins:

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