



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 425

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO MORNING MASS THIS WEEK

Monday to Saturday inclusive

Alternative Masses

BANDON: 9.30 am

Monday to Saturday

BALLINSPTTLE 9.00 am

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri.

TIMOLEAGUE 9.30 am

Tuesday and Thursday

**FR MICHAEL O'MAHONY,
BALLINSPIITTE, WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR ANY NEED
WHICH ARISES DURING THE
WEEK:**

021-477 8055

Eucharistic Adoration

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK. RESUMING WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST. (Monday 1st Aug is a Bank Holiday, which doesn't have Adoration)

Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

New Rota for the month of August is now available in the porches and online. Hard copy in the sacristy.

We're not in a position to assign slots beyond next month as there will be a new schedule of services involving the entire Family of Parishes expected to come into operation on the weekend of 10/11 Sept. This schedule hasn't been made out yet.

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BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9:30 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes

17th to 22nd September. Five nights full board in Hotel Roissy. Contact Fr Martin Kavanagh SMA at 021-4292871

The Lord's Prayer

To hear Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer can be quite a shock. We are more familiar with the longer version found in Matthew's Gospel. I want to focus right now on sharing a few of my own reactions to the prayer based on Luke's shorter version. It won't take us so long!

It starts simply, "Father". Jesus' Jewish contemporaries were used to talking about God as "Father"; but Jesus seems to have been unique in personally addressing God as "Father". On his lips, the greeting expresses wonderful intimacy and warmth. To some, it may have sounded awkwardly intimate, even scandalously so. Today, some people wonder if the word "Mother" might convey an even more breathtaking intimacy. Whatever about that, Jesus leaned spontaneously to the masculine title because, according to the limited biological knowledge of the time, fathers were assumed to be the sole life-givers with mothers providing no more than the necessary but secondary nourishing seed-bed of their wombs.

Jesus rejoiced not only in the depth of his warm, intimate relationship with his God, but also in its powerful energizing, life-giving effect on him. What is God's effect on you, now; and what word sums it up best for you?

The prayer continued, "May your name be held holy". What sense do you make of that? And why is it apparently so important? To me it has the meaning, 'I want to take you seriously; and I wish the whole world would take you seriously, too'. Yet this respect, this reverence before God, is neither more important nor less important than my appreciation of God's warmth and tender, supremely personal, affection. We need to go no further in our prayer until we can spontaneously hold both convictions equally strongly in our hearts. We don't, after all, need to get to the end of the prayer straight way.

When we feel right, Jesus suggests then that we move further on with our prayer: "Your kingdom come". This thought focuses us firmly on our mission to this world. We can forget about heaven for the moment; God already looks after that. It cannot be other than it is. But in the meantime, we have a task to perform. Remember the commission of the risen Jesus, "As the Father sent me, I now send you..."

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Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremmin.com. Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm. Weekly Bulletin and archive since 2013 online at <http://www.kilbrittain.org>