



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses During the Week

Mon 9.00am

Tue: No Mass.

Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am

Sat: 10.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Wednesdays 2.00 to 8.00 p m

There are 168 hours in one week. Jesus said 'Could you not watch one hour with me'.

Autumn Dues

Envelopes for Autumn Dues are available at church doors now.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Offerings can also be made online through the 'Donate' button on every page of the parish website for this collection and the upcoming November Offerings

www.kilbrittain.org

Scout Group Clothes Collection

Clothes Collection in aid of Kilbrittain Scout Group: This Sunday, Oct 16th.

Collecting outside the Hall 2 - 5pm.

Yes: Clean clothes, belts, paired shoes, curtains, handbags, clean bed linen.

Not collecting: wet or dirty clothing, off cuts of material, odd shoes, duvets, pillows, carpets, rugs, uniforms.

Clonakilty Flower Club

Clonakilty Flower Club will hold its October night on Monday 17th October at the GAA Complex, Ahamilla, Clonakilty at 8pm with Melanie Harris, Demonstrator. Please note the date is a week later than usual. All are welcome.

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 9:30 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

Persistence

A widely circulated story about Thomas Edison says that when he was refining the ordinary light bulb, he failed a thousand times before he found a long-lasting filament. Today's Gospel parable of the persistent widow is a wonderful lesson in persistence. It tells that we should keep on trying when faced with a stubborn dilemma. If we walk away, we lose. If we keep trying we will find eventually that our persistence pays off.

The judge in this parable was one of the paid magistrates appointed by Herod or by the Romans. Popularly they were called the 'robber judges', notorious for their corruption. The widow on the other hand was a symbol of all who were poor and defenceless. It was obvious that she, without resources of any kind, had no hope of ever extracting justice from such a judge. But she had one weapon -persistence. It is possible that what in the end the judge feared was actual physical violence. 'Lest she exhausts me' can mean lest she gives me a black eye! So, to avoid assault and battery the judge relented. Jesus was simply saying, 'If, in the end, a corrupt judge can be wearied into giving a widow justice, how much more will the God, who is a loving Father, give his children what they want?'

That is true, but it is no reason why we should expect to get whatever we pray for. Often a father has to refuse the request of a child, because he knows that what the child asks would hurt rather than help. God is like that. We do not know what is to happen in the next hour, let alone the next week or month or year. Only God sees time whole and knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why Jesus said that we should never be discouraged in prayer. That is why he wondered if human faith would stand the long delays before the Son of man should come. We will never grow weary in prayer and our faith will never falter, if after we have offered to God our prayers and requests, we add the perfect prayer, the Our Father, 'thy will be done'.

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Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm.
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