



# Kilbrittain Parish

## Weekly Bulletin

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### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Ash Wednesday

**Next Wednesday, Feb 22nd.**

Masses with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes as follows:

**9.00 am** [Livestreamed]

**10.30 am** -- to suit National School but everybody welcome.

**7.00 pm**

#### Other Masses this Week

**Monday 9.00 am**

**Tuesday: NO MASS**

**Thurs and Fri: 9.00 am**

**Saturday: 10.00 am**

#### Adoration

**Monday 9.00 am to 1.00 pm**

**NOTE: Wednesday's Adoration will finish at 6.00 pm this week because of Ash Wednesday 7.00 pm Mass.**

The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love. *St John Paul II.*

#### Stations of the Cross

Next Sunday 5th March and each Sunday in Lent at 7.00 pm.

#### Family of Parishes

Next weekend Fr Cremin will be in Murragh parish. Celebrant in Kilbrittain will be a Bandon priest.

#### Kilbrittain Red Cross AGM

Next Thursday, February 23rd at 8.00 pm in the Health Centre. Everybody welcome.

#### St Joseph's Young Priest Society

*Letter from the Dioceses:*

A meeting of the Cork and Ross Diocesan Committee will be held in the Crypt, Church of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork on Sunday, 26th February, 2023 at 3pm.

We had a good attendance at our Diocesan meeting in October 2022 and twelve Branches were

represented. We hope with Spring on the horizon that more members will be back meeting in their local Branch very soon.

During the lockdowns and restrictions we had for Covid 19, it was important to stay connected with family and friends so let's encourage each other to come together for our Diocesan meeting as it is important for your Branch and for the Society.

As various viruses are still in our midst we decided that the Crypt should be a safe place to meet again and we hope to see you there on the 26th February, please God.

#### Online Lenten Retreat

The Priory Institute, run by Irish Dominicans, are delighted to offer a Free of Charge Online Lenten Retreat featuring a series of online reflections given in preparation for Easter.

The Retreat Giver is Seán Goan is a retired teacher and biblical scholar who studied Scripture in Rome, Jerusalem and in the University of Chicago.

The course consists of four recorded presentations that will become available over the six Sundays of Lent ending on Palm Sunday, so on the first Sunday there will be access to one recording and on the second Sunday access to two recordings and so on. Participants can watch the films whenever suits them, and revisit films they have already viewed. *Website: prioryinstitute.com* to register/find out more.

#### Today's Readings

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, gives the Holiness code: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am Holy." It also gives us the way to share God's holiness: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be like our God – kind, merciful and forgiving — and it shows us the measure of perfection Christ asks us to bring to our relationships.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

In the Gospel passage Jesus confirms, corrects, and expands the Ten Commandments. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character, as well as strengthening by God's grace. The second part of today's Gospel passage presents the Christian ethic of personal relationships: love one's neighbors and forgive one's enemies. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as he did for us.

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