



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSION SUNDAY

Masses this Week
Normal weekday Masses resume

Monday 9.00 am
Tuesday NO MASS
Wednesday 9.00 am
Thursday 9.00 am
Friday 9.00 am
Saturday 10.00 am

Adoration
Normal Adoration resuming this week.

Monday 9.30 to 1.00
Wednesday 2.00 to 8.00 pm

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

We welcome Msgr Finbarr O'Leary, Clogagh, as celebrant for our Sunday Mass today.

Novena for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Begins Thursday 2nd November with Masses 9.00 am and 7.00 pm each day.

Mass for the bereaved Fri 10th November at 7.00 pm.
Envelopes for November Offerings available in the porches.

Young at Heart (Active Retired)

Weekly gatherings every Thursday from 2.30 to 4.30 pm in the Parish Hall. Chat, music, refreshments, entertainment. New members 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

Today's Scripture

In the Book of Isaiah, God is speaking to Cyrus, the King of Persia. Cyrus was truly an "Enlightened Monarch". He always tried to do what was best for the people under his authority – even for those he conquered. He also knew it was important not to interfere with people's religious beliefs. After he subjugated Babylon, he realized that the Chosen People were exiles. So he allowed those who wished, to return to the Promised Land and to rebuild their Temple.

What is noteworthy is that God used Cyrus to do wonderful things. God knew that he would be an instrument for good. God gave His grace to Cyrus – and Cyrus co-operated with that Grace. However, Cyrus did not know the Lord God in the religious way that the Hebrews did.

In contrast to Cyrus was the Hebrew religious leadership at the time of Jesus. The priests, the scribes, and the Pharisees were not who or what they appeared to be. Externally, they were religious. They kept all the religious rituals and the fine points of the Law. But they were hypocrites. They did not know God – And they did not co-operate with God's grace! In

today's passage from Matthew, they were sure that they had Jesus trapped. If Jesus said to pay the tax, he would be aiding the Roman occupiers – If he refused, he would be breaking Roman law and subject to arrest! Consequently, Jesus simply destroyed their vicious conundrum. He replied: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and give to God what belongs to God"!

What we have not considered, is the person who is religious on the outside and truly spiritual on the inside. Of course, this is not an easy process. We must overcome our own sinfulness. We must be faithful in our religious practice. We need Mass and the Sacraments – And we need God's grace. St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that we need much more than words. We need the power of the Holy Spirit – And we need conviction!

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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.
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