



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 27 **Fourth Sunday of Lent** 30 March 2014

CONFIRMATION DAY

On Wednesday next, April 2nd, we will be welcoming Bishop Pádraig O'Donoghue to the parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 42 children from Kilbrittain and Granassing National Schools. Confirmation Mass will begin at 10.30 am.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 9.00 am
Tuesday: No Mass
Wednesday No 9.00 am Mass
 Confirmation Mass 10.30 am
Thursday and Friday 9.00 am
Saturday 10.00 am.

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of April. Calls to the sick and housebound will be made at the usual times on Thursday and Friday. *Please contact Fr Cremin if you, or somebody you know, would like to be added to the list, even temporarily, or to receive a call at any other time.*

Station

For **Burren** in the home of **Pádraig and Siobhán Kearney**, on Sat 12th April at 11.00 am.

Parish Directories

The new Parish Directory is in its second printing. Copies available throughout the church and in the sacristy now.

Easter Preparation

Sharing of God's word to prepare ourselves for Easter. Each Monday night from this Monday, March 24th, in Parish Hall at 8.00 pm. Everybody welcome.

*Station of the Cross
 Tainc - Clubs for
 Footballers
 Pioneers*

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BAPTISMS:
 Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
 Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

GAA NOTES

Well done to the U21 footballers who qualified for the semi-final after a good win over St Colums last weekend, with one group game to play against St Oliver Plunkets.

LOTTO

The lotto jackpot of €9,800 was not won. The numbers drawn were

3 27 30 32.

Elemarie Sage, John McCarthy, 8849818, Matthew Healy and J/H won €40. The jackpot for the coming weekend will be €10,000.

Themes across the readings

Our first reading portrays a prophet who cannot see very well, because he sees as humans do, looking at appearances. In a way, God has to step in to (over)see the election. The key phrase is: *but the LORD looks on the heart* (1 Samuel 16:7). The theme of God's guidance in darkness continues in the psalm. The excerpt from Ephesians goes on to profile light in contrast to darkness. We notice key words: light, illuminate, shine. These are used of coming to faith in Christ and lead us to the brilliant story of the man born blind. The Gospel story — also a quest — serves to explore one of the "I AM" sentences of the Fourth Gospel: *Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,*

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)
As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)
 The seeing of faith is bestowed by the one who is our light.

Pointers for Prayer

1 We all tend to look at appearances. What has helped me in my life to look deeper?
2 Sometimes the unexpected choice really is the right one. Can I see that in my own life experience?

PRAYER

You yourself, O God are our light and you have "shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Help us to receive this gift with faith and become people who live not by appearances but by the inner light of truth and faith.

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