



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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Feast of the Ascension

08 May 2016

Weekday Masses

Monday: 9.00 am
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday to Friday: 9.00 am
Saturday: NO 10.00 AM MASS OWING TO
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Mass next Saturday,
May 15th at 11.00 am for 32 children from
Granassing and Kilbrittain National Schools.

Parish Assembly

First of three formation nights for new Parish
Assembly members in Parish Hall on this
Monday, May 9th from 7.30 to 9.00 pm
The other two formation nights are:
Mon 23rd May; 7.30 to 9.00 pm
Mon 30th May; 7.30 to 9.00 pm.
All those who have accepted nomination to
the new Assembly are requested to attend.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina held every Thursday night at
8:30 in Barleyfield for the month of May.
Come and join us for an hour or so. For
further information, please contact Jim at
0868306312

Rosary

The Legion of Mary will recite the Rosary at
the Grotto on each Monday evening during
the month of May at 8.00 pm. We would
appreciate anyone who could join us as we
pray together during this Jubilee Year of
Mercy.

Confirmation 2016

A reminder to children and parents
that the last session of the 'You Shall
Be My Witnesses' programme will be
in the Parish Hall on Thursday next at
8.00 pm.

May – Mary's Month

*"God wills that all his gifts should come to
us through Mary"* (St. Bernard)

It was in Rome, towards the end of the
eighteenth century, one fine evening in
May. A child of the poor gathered his
companions around him and led them to a
statue of Mary, before which a lamp was
burning, as is the custom in that holy city.
There, these fresh young voices sang the
Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little
group, followed by other children, again
gathered at the feet of the Mother of God.
Next came their mothers, to join the little
assembly. Soon, other groups were
formed, and the devotion rapidly became
popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly
conduct which always increases and

becomes graver at the return of the pleasant
springtime, saw in these growing practices
the hand of God, and they cooperated
with the designs of Providence by approving
and promoting this new devotion, as a
public and solemn act of reparation. The
Month of Mary was founded.

"This is the month in which, in the churches
and individual homes, the most affectionate
and fervent homage of prayers and
devotions from the hearts of Christians are
raised to Mary. It is also the month in
which from his throne descend upon us the
most generous and abundant gifts of the
Divine Mercy." (Paul VI, *The Month of
Mary*, 1967)

MARY: HER HIDDEN LIFE WITH JESUS

"I like to go back in my imagination to the
years Jesus spent close to his mother, years
which span almost the whole of his life on
earth. I like to picture him as a little child,
cared for by Mary, who kisses him and
plays with him. I like to see him growing
up before the loving eyes of his mother and
of Joseph, his father on earth. What
tenderness and care Mary and the holy
Patriarch must have shown toward Jesus,
as they looked after him during his
childhood, all the while, silently, learning
so much from him. Their souls would
become more and more like the soul of
that Son, who was both man and God.
This is why his mother, and after her
St. Joseph, understand better than
anyone the feelings of the heart of
Christ; and the two of them are thus the
best way, I would say the only way, to
reach the Saviour." *Saint Josemaría
Escrivá*

MARY: THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN

"She lives now and is protecting us. She is
there [in heaven], body and soul, with the
Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. She
is the same person who was born in
Palestine, who gave herself to God while
still a child, who received the message
from St. Gabriel the Archangel, who gave
birth to our Savior, and who stood beside
him at the foot of the Cross. In her, all
ideals become a reality. But we should
never think that this sublime greatness of
hers makes her inaccessible to us. She is
the one who is full of grace and the sum
of all perfections . . . and she is also
our Mother." *Saint Josemaría Escrivá*

MARY: THE CHANNEL OF GRACE

"Her power before God is such that she can
obtain anything that we ask for, and, like
any mother, she wants to answer our
prayers. Like any mother, also, she knows
and understands our weaknesses. She
encourages us and makes excuses for us.
She makes the way easy for us, and even
when we think there is no possible solution
for our worry, she always has one ready
to offer us." *Saint Josemaría Escrivá*

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Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

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