



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 147

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 July 2016

Weekday Masses

Monday: 9.00 am
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday to Friday: 9.00 am
Saturday: 10.00 am

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will be held in Farnagark for the month of July, every Thursday night at 8:00. For more information please contact Tim or Majella on 087 796 5321

Platform Dancing

Platform Dancing (in association with Kilbrittain Festival) takes place this Sunday 24th of July from 6.30pm onwards at the Harbour View Platform. All are welcome.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

Well done to the U16 hurlers who beat Cillmochomog 2-9 to 0-8 in the semi-final of the championship last Wednesday evening. Best of luck in the final.

Lotto 04 - 14 - 30 - 32

There was no winner of the €7,000 lotto jackpot. €40 winners were Josephine Dinneen, Donal Og, Sean O'Connell, Kelly family, Jeremy McSweeney. The Jackpot for this weekend will be €7,100

Three-Day Pilgrimage

August 22nd-24th. 3-day Pilgrimage to Knock and Lough Derg. All-in Package includes visit to Knock, day retreat on Lough Derg, Coach for 3 days, Breakfasts, Evening meals and Accommodation in Bundoran. Early booking

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is advised due to waiting lists from previous pilgrimage in May. Deposit secures booking. Contact Cormac O'Connor Coach Tours on 023-8849196, 087-6167835 for further details.

Rural Link (formerly 'Rural Transport')

New name, no change in service. West Cork Rural Link Bus leaves the village every Fri. morning at 10am to Bandon and returns at 2.15. The Lotto helps with the running of the bus and your support would be greatly appreciated to help maintain this service. For more information please contact Eileen Hayes 8849878.

CORK WORLD YOUTH DAY VIGIL AND MASS - 30TH JULY

The Pastoral Development Office regrets to announce that this event will not be going ahead due to insufficient numbers registered.

Thoughts to help us when we are praying for others.

1) Be aware that God loves them, and has been gracing them long before we thought to pray for them, that God is gracing them now, and that our desire is to be, in our prayer, in communion with all the members of the church, living and dead, praying for those for whom we wish to intercede.

Websites: www.parish.kilbrittain.net
www.frcremin.com

BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

2) Take the person for whom we are praying into our hearts. This is the best way also to listen to people: take them and what they are saying into our hearts and listen to them there. Well, if someone has asked our prayers, take that person into our heart, and then, from our heart, hold them up to God. A strenuous effort of concentration is not required. Just simple awareness, as we might stand in the presence of a picture or of a sunset.

3) Then put the request aside and just be in the presence of God. We do not now have to reflect that we are there on behalf of another: we have already made that clear. We just are in the presence of God. Our intention – we do not have to reflect upon it any more – is simply that God's love flow freely in this other person, as we hope it does in us.

How our prayers help others

Sometimes we wonder how our prayers for others help them. May I offer you some thoughts for your reflection.

1. When I have been in special need, the knowledge that other people were praying for me was very important to me. It soothed what otherwise would have been a profound spiritual loneliness. I felt held in prayer, and the prayer of those who love me reminded me that I was not alone, and also encouraged me to look towards God in faith. The conclusion of today's responsorial psalm reads: 'The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me' (Psalm 138:8). The psalmist is reflecting on the words of Deuteronomy: 'It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed' (Deuteronomy 31:8). When things are hard we can easily think that there is no hope. The prayer of other people reminds us that we are held in love and

that God will continue to fulfil in our lives the purpose he has for us. I imagine that your experience is like mine. Don't forget that Jesus is praying for us (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25).

2. But what about when the person for whom we are praying does not know? I think it is usually good to tell the other person that he or she is in our prayers. But if this is not possible, or not appropriate, we are reminded that we are all connected to each other even when we are unaware of the connection. We are like branches on a vine. If one branch draws nourishment in from the sun, all the other branches are helped. Ultimately the best help you can give me is to be close to God yourself. Then your open heart draws grace in and this helps me and everyone else in the world. Herein lies the importance of holiness and of prayer.

3. Other people's prayer for us does not substitute for our own openness to God or response to God's grace. Likewise we cannot live other people's lives for them. But we can surround each other with grace. We can draw each other close and encourage each other to believe in God's love, and even when we are not conscious of other people's prayer, this prayer is working, like radium in the dark, giving out the spiritual energy of love.

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http://www.mbfallon.com/homilies_yearC/sunday17.html

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremin.com. Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm. Weekly Bulletin online at <http://www.frcremin.com/news.html>