



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 149

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

07 Aug 2016

Recently Deceased

Pray for **Johanna (Josie) Quinn, Cloundereen** whose funeral Mass takes place this Sunday.

Weekday Masses

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

Feast of the Assumption

Feast is on Monday week, 15th August. This means that there will be a Vigil Mass on next Sunday at 8.00 pm as well as the usual Sunday Masses.

Kilbrittain Cemetery Mass

Next Wed week, 17th August. All welcome to join us for refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

Station

For **Granfeen** in the home of **Micheál and Catherine Whelton** on Saturday week, 20th of August at 11.00 am.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will be held every Thursday night at 8:30 in Ardacrow for the month of August. Join us for Scripture reading. For more info contact Sergio at 0870650253

History Society Journal

Kilbrittain Historical Society are putting out the call to members of the community to contribute material for the Kilbrittain Historical

Journal. We are looking for photos of people and events in the history of the parish, written personal stories, memories, accounts of times past in Kilbrittain, old newspaper articles, and reflections of the people of Kilbrittain on its history and culture. We are gathering as much material as we can for the 2016 and future journals. The deadline for submissions for the 2016 journal is September 10th. Please contact the editor, and send material to diarmaidodonovan@gmail.com

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. Deposit secures booking. Contact Cormac O'Connor Coach Tours on 023-8849196, 087-6167835 for further details.

Rural Link (formerly 'Rural Transport')

West Cork Rural Link Bus leaves the village every Fri. morning at 10 am 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.

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

FAITH IS ...

Jesus tells us in today's gospel not to put our trust in things that cannot give life to our hearts. Sure, we need material things and it would be irresponsible not to provide them for our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of those whom we love and who are dependent upon us. But, says Jesus, don't let these things possess you. Don't get things out of proportion. Don't get trapped in possessions or reputation or appearances. We are made by love and we are made for love. Everything must be in view of love. Our bodies need love, our hearts need love, our minds need love. But more than all else our souls need love. He tells us to make sure our souls are awake, alert for the approach of the one for whom our souls are longing. What a tragedy it would be to be so preoccupied with everything else, however important, and let our souls starve, neglecting our deepest longings. In Saint Augustine's famous words: 'You have made us for yourself, O God, and our heart is restless till it rests in you.'

Faith keeps our hearts and our souls tuned to God. When we notice Jesus' approach, when we hear him knocking, if we open the door he will come in and sit us down and serve us, for his deepest desire is our happiness. Once when Peter felt totally lost and he asked Jesus what to do, Jesus said to him: 'Have faith in God'(Mark 11:22). Peter remembered these words and in a letter written from Rome when his own life was about to be taken from him, he said to his community: 'It is through Jesus that you have come to place your trust in God, for it was God who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory. So now your faith and your hope are set on God'(1Peter 1:21). 'May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you'

Jesus makes the same point in today's Gospel. He reminds us that the only real treasure is the treasure for which our heart longs and it comes from heaven, from God. So let us be alert, let our heart be awake for the whisper of God's Spirit. Let us fill our lungs with God's breath. Our

deepest longing, says Jesus, is to share the love banquet that Jesus enjoys with his Father. That is exactly what God wants to share with us. He is always coming to us, knocking gently on the door of our soul. If we are listening for his knock and open our hearts to him, he promises to come in and eat with us.

We have responded to his coming by being here at Mass this morning. As we touch our deep hunger and thirst, let us prepare for the wonderful moment of communion when the risen Jesus will come into our souls and share with us the love-communion that he has with his Father and which will be our life for all eternity in heaven. This is the most sacred encounter we can have here on earth and we are never closer to those we love, whether living or dead, than when we are sharing this intimate communion with Jesus.

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