



Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

No 159

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 Oct 2016

Weekday Masses

Monday: 9.00 am
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wed to Fri: 9.00 am
Saturday: 10.00 am

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina held every Thursday night at 8:00 in Granreigh for the month of October. Come and join us for a chat about faith. For more info please contact Bernie on 087 772 2673.

Table Quiz.

Table quiz organised by St Joseph's Young Priests Society in Kilbrittain Hall on Sat Oct 29th at 9.00 pm.

Stations

There are only three more Stations booked for the Autumn round, leaving three-quarters of the Station areas without a station. Please consider whether you can help.

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.

Faith Weekend

Fr Bernard Murphy of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from Myross in Limerick has agreed to visit Kilbrittain on the last weekend of this month, Fri 28th to Sun 30th. Fr Bernard and his congregation bring their experience of pastoral work in The Bronx, New York to help and advise both parents and young people to deal with the various challenges, big and small, which are part of family life.

The timetable we are suggesting to Fr Bernard is the following:

Fri night 28th arrival in Kilbrittain; available to meet with people.

Sat 29th

10.00 Mass. Fr Bernard will preach and concelebrate.

8.00 Mass. Celebrated / Concelebrated by Fr Bernard. Followed by a talk in the Church.

Sun 30th

10.30 Mass. Meet-and-greet cuppa in the Hall after Mass.

In this week's gospel, Our Lord tells this parable not with the intention of comparing The Heavenly Father with a grasping and selfish judge. Quite the contrary! Our Lord wishes to contrast God the Father with earthly judges. The basic point is: "If, in the end, even an unjust and greedy judge can be wearied into giving a poor widow justice, how much more will God, who is a loving Father, give his children what they truly need?"

The irony of the gospel this weekend is, that there is no need to keep repeating our requests as if we think God will be worn down and eventually give in to us, just to get us out of his hair. No. God is love. God cares for us and our real needs. God hears us in our need and response with love and compassion. If there are delays in a response it is not out of lack of care or from not hearing.

The interesting thing about this gospel is the judge in this parable is clearly not a Jewish Judge. They had three judges to rule on a decision. So, this was a Roman judge, often known for their corruption. They were known as (to paraphrase another language and for ease of description) "Judgers of Robbers," but the locals jokingly nicknamed the "Robber Judges." You couldn't get justice unless you paid them a bribe or could do them a favour. The poor widow had no influence and no money. All she had was persistence and she kept calling for justice. Even a corrupt and greedy judge gave in and gave her justice not because he cared and not because he respected God but just to get rid of her. So, God is going to hear our needs with love as soon as we ask them and we can trust in this.

"Having said this, there is no reason why we should expect to get whatever we pray for. Our Lord constantly commended us to see God as a truly loving father. We know that often a loving parent has to regretfully refuse the request of a child, even a persistent son or daughter, because the parent KNOWS that what the child asks would hurt rather than help. God is like that. We do not know what is to happen in the next hour, let alone the next week, or month, or year. Only God sees the whole picture, and, so, only God knows what is good for us in the long run. That is why Our Lord said we must never be discouraged in prayer. That is why he wondered if people's faith would stand the long delays before the return of the Son of Man.

"However, we will never grow weary in prayer, and our faith will never falter if, after we have offered to God our prayers and requests, we add the perfect prayer, "but not my will be done, O Lord, but yours!"

Fr Paul W. Kelly

<http://homilycatholic.blogspot.ie/2016/10/catholic-reflections-573-homily-twenty.html>

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BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

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>