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# Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

### A Long Break

We're in the middle of May and yet this is the first Bulletin of 2021! It felt strange to have a congregation at the morning Masses this week and I sensed their joy at being back. Shared worship is an indispensable part of being a Christian -- 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.'

However, we have a long ways to go, even if we don't go backwards again.

### Bereavements

**Pat Deasy, 'Radharc', Kilbrittain**  
Whose funeral took place on Friday  
**Jack O'Donovan, Gurrans,**  
**Lislebane**

Who was buried during the week  
**Billy Lynch, Ballydehob**  
Who was buried during the week

### Weekday Masses This Week

**Monday to Friday 9:00 am**  
*No morning Mass on Saturday*

### Towland Rotas

**This Weekend**  
**7.00 pm --A to C**  
**8.00 pm -- F to K**  
**10.30 am - L to Village**

**Next Weekend**  
**7.00 pm -- F to K**  
**8.00 pm -- L to Village**  
**10.30 am - A to Ce**

Please try to follow rota if you can at all.

### Donations

At the funeral of John O'Connell, Ballinakeen recently, the family requested donations to St Patrick's Church in lieu of flowers. I very gratefully acknowledge a total of €550 received.

Websites: [www.kilbrittain.org](http://www.kilbrittain.org)  
[www.frcremin.com](http://www.frcremin.com)

BAPTISMS:  
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:  
Mon 11 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

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### Rota

Altar Society rota up to June 2022 is available in the sacristy now. Thanks to all who continue to serve on this group and whose work is seen and appreciated by everybody.

### The Murder of Fr James O'Callaghan one hundred years ago today.

Fr O'Callaghan was curate in Clogeen parish in the north of Cork City. Because there was no priest's house in the parish he was offered rooms by a local Sknn Fein TD and Alderman of the City. In the early morning of May 15th 1921, which was Whit Sunday, a group of Tans woke the household and demanded to be let in. They were obviously looking for the Alderman and Fr O'Callaghan put his head out the upstairs window and told them that he was a priest and that there was no one in the house except women and children. A Tan burst in the door and up the stairs. He pulled out a pistol and fired it at Fr O'Callaghan but the priest's housekeeper grabbed the pistol and deflected the shot, sustaining a wound in her own hand. The Tan subsequently shot the priest several times in the spine. He died in hospital later that day.

### THE ASCENSION

Men of Galilee, why are you standing there gazing up into heaven? You are not to seek his company somewhere up in the sky. Yes, it's true that on the last day he will come again on the clouds of glory. But don't worry: there's no chance of anybody missing that! In the meantime: now that he has accomplished all his work, he is in you, and you are in him. He has departed from your sight, but only in order to send you the Holy Spirit. Henceforth, then, he will never be absent from you; nothing external can ever again separate you from him. You bear him within yourselves. You can find him at any time in prayer, in the sacraments, in his word and in one another.

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