



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 173

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 Jan 2017

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: 9.00 am
 Tue: NO MASS
 Wed, Thurs and Fri: 9.00 am
 Sat: 10.00 am

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is held every Thursday night at 8:00 in Barleyfield for the month of January. All are welcome. For further detail please contact Jim on 086 830 6312.

Public Meeting

Kilbrittain Festival committee are calling a public meeting for a fundraiser for Raymond Hayes to aid his recovery. Meeting takes place Monday next, 23rd January, at 8pm in the Parish Hall. People are urged to support this worthy cause.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

AGM on Wed next, 25th Jan. 8.00pm Mass followed by a short meeting & refreshments in the Hall.

Vocations to Priesthood Weekend

An invitation is extended to men between 18 and 40 who are interested in the Diocesan priesthood as a way of life to join with others for a weekend from Friday 17th 6pm to Saturday 18th 3pm February taking place in Thurles. There is no charge to attend the weekend – please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537603 or at charliekiely@gmail.com for further details.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

Keep Saturday 4th March free for the victory dinner dance which will be held in Fernhill House hotel Clonakilty. Tickets will be available shortly.

DVD Available

Anyone interested in purchasing a DVD of 'The Clash Without the Ash' are asked to contact Oliver O'Brien at 086-3855059. DVD's are €15.

Underaga GAA - Boston Tea Party

Boston Tea Party will be held on Saturday next, 28th January, in the community hall. Please contact Eileen for further details on 086 8167401

Child Protection Officers

Thanks to those who have enquired about volunteering as Child Protection Representatives with the result that we have one committed and others interested. We are still appealing for people to consider volunteering as Parish Child Protection Representatives. We are the only parish in the Dioceses without such a group, which is essential for a parish to be accepted as an independent entity under Norms for Compliance with Child Protection Standards.

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

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

Fr Jerry Cremin PP
 Member of Irish Confraternity of Catholic Clergy
 023-8849637 / 087-7857712
 Email: mail@frcremin.com

"Come and See" Poor Clares Vocations Afternoon

Sat. 18th Feb. 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.
 For women discerning a religious vocation Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd. Cork.
 Check out: www.poorclarescork.ie
 email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com
 Follow us on Facebook

Funeral Traffic Signs

Parish Assembly this week took delivery of four quality freestanding metal signs to be placed at entry points to the village to give advance notice to passing motorists at times when the village is partly blocked by a funeral. On Tue of this week they were set up and manned by Parish Assembly members. For future funerals, we are hoping that neighbours of bereaved families might arrange to put out these signs and stand by them to advise motorists on alternative routes.

Answering the Call

On many occasions since becoming Pope, our Holy Father Francis has recounted the story of his own vocation when he felt called by God to serve Him as a priest. On September 21, 1953, a 16-year-old boy named Jorge Bergoglio was planning to go out to celebrate with friends an Argentinian national holiday called "Students' Day." Jorge decided to start the holiday by going to pray at his parish church, dedicated to St. Joseph. When he arrived at church, he saw a priest he didn't recognize, but who seemed to radiate holiness. He decided to approach him, and asked him to hear his confession. We don't know what Jorge said to the priest, or what the priest said in response. But we do know that that confession totally changed not only the teenager's plans for the day, but for the whole course of his life. In speaking to a group during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said:
For me, this was an experience of encounter: I found that Someone was

waiting for me. Yet, I do not know what happened. I can't remember. I do not know why that particular priest was there, whom I did not know, or why I felt this desire to confess. But the truth is that Someone was waiting for me. He had been waiting for me for some time. After making my confession, I felt something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard something like a voice or a call. I was convinced that I should become a priest.

In today's Gospel, Jesus called Simon Peter, and his brother Andrew, as well as James and John, the sons of Zebedee, to follow Him. His invitation to them was a simple one: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." They left everything behind, and followed Jesus. It was an irresistible call to be led into the unknown, and to be co-workers with Jesus of Nazareth. This was courage and conviction at its finest. No hesitation, no questions, no doubts—just a firm resolution to be a disciple of Jesus, and to all that entails.

Father Paul Burke

<http://www.hprweb.com/2016/12/homilies-for-january-2017/>

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.
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