



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 185

2nd Sunday of Easter

23rd April 2017

Masses During the Week

Mon 9.00 am.
Tue: No Mass.
Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am
Sat 10.00 am.

Station

In the home of **Oliver and Susan Ahern, Granfeen** on **Sat next, April 29th, at 11.00 am.**

Easter Envelopes

If you didn't have an Easter Offering envelope delivered to your home, please take one now from any of the church porches.

Parish Assembly

A member of the Parish Assembly will give a short report during today's Mass on the activity on the present Assembly during its first year of existence.

Eucharistic Adoration Knock Pilgrimage

National pilgrimage to Knock shrine next Sunday, April 30th. Details for bus from West Cork, contact Phil Mnihane 028-38276 / 086-1238356.

Keep praying for all the people in our Apostolate who are doing tremendous work for the Lord in the promotion of viable weekly Eucharistic adoration. Be assured of our prayers for all your endeavours.

History Talk

The Kilbrittain Historical Society is hosting a talk by Jerome Lordan on the Shipwrecks of the Courcey and Kilbrittain Coast on this

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KILBRITTAIN**

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Monday April 24th at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall. This promises to be an interesting and entertaining talk. All are Welcome and admission is free.

Folk Group

The Parish congratulates and thanks the Folk Group on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its foundation this weekend.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

The Annual Golf Classic takes place on Friday 19th May. The time sheet is now open, contact Tom Brennan for tee-times.

Gurraneasig NS Open Day

Gurraneasig NS Enrolment Afternoon
Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 2:30pm.
Please come and view the school.
Enrolments Welcome. Forms & Information leaflets available on the day. For Enquiries ring 023 8849700 or check out our website at www.gurraneasigns.com

Fundraiser for Kilbrittain Red Cross.

A fashion event this Thursday April 27th @ 8PM in the hall. A good night guaranteed with cheese and wine.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

All parishioners are invited to attend one of two gatherings with Fr Timothy Bartlett, the General Secretary for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland, He will tell us more about this international event to be hosted in Ireland next year at the request of Pope Francis. At these sessions we will also launch our

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www.frcremin.com

BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

Diocesan programme of preparation towards the World Meeting. The two sessions are on Thursday 4th May from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre and from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in Blackrock Parish Centre. For more details contact 021 4537601

The Challenge to Believe

It is very, very easy to be a person of faith when all goes well. When life is without any really deep crises, when the hardest things to accept are the deaths of elderly parents and hospitalization for minor ailments like appendicitis, it is easy for each of us to be a person of faith. But when a crisis tears at our hearts, as when a young spouse dies or, worse still, a child dies, or a marriage is evidently on the rocks, then very often we feel our faith ebbing. Many times we enter into a period of anger at God and a time of doubts. This does not mean that we have lost our faith. It simply means that we are being called to a deeper faith.

It was easy for the disciples to believe in the Lord when they felt the magnetism of His words, when they witnessed His healings, when they saw His miracles. But it was much harder for them to believe after He had been taken away to be killed. It was harder for them to believe when they realized that they also could be killed for having been His followers. Thomas doubted the Resurrection because he had suffered the crisis of the crucifixion. His faith in God waned. Like the other specially chosen disciples who would later be called apostles, like Peter, James, Andrew, Bartholomew, Simon and all the rest, Thomas ran and hid. He was not be found on Golgotha. He was too afraid to remember the promises of the Lord. But his faith was restored when he saw the Lord. At this point Jesus told Thomas about a greater faith, a faith that He has called you and me to. The Lord looked at Thomas and

then looked down the ages at us and said, "Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe."

A young wife dies. A young man is devastated. He argues with God, even gets angry with God. "How could you let this happen to her," he says in his grief forgetting that God does not do bad things or cause bad things, but cries with us in our crises just as he cried with Martha and Mary when Lazarus died. In time, after the initial shock and upset, the young man recognizes that God is present in bad times as well as in good times and then chooses to believe. His faith is now based not just on his experience of the good, but also on his choice of God during crisis. The crisis, while not caused by God, led him to a deeper faith than he had previously.

Let's not persecute ourselves. Doubting is part of being human. A person who does not react with anger at the time of a tragedy might be a saint, but most likely is a person who really never had a high quality of love. The person who recognizes that God was certainly there even at the time of anger, is a person whose faith has grown.



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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