



Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

No 190

Feast of the Ascension

28th May 2017

Masses During the Week

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

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of March. Calls to the sick and housebound will be made during the week.

First Saturday devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

To facilitate those who wish to undertake the First Saturday Devotions there will be confessions before Mass, with the Rosary being recited in public at the same time, while there will be 15 minutes of meditation after Mass.

Rosary

Rosary will be recited by the Legion of Mary at the grotto for the final Monday in May at 8.30. Rosary will also be recited before every weekday Mass until the end of May.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will be held every Thursday night at 8:00 in Farnagark for the month of June. Come and join us for an interesting hour. All welcome. For more info please call Majella on (087) 796 5321

Stations

Station for Farnagark, Lisheenaleen and Rathclaren on Tue night next, May 30th.

**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH,
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at 8.00 pm in the home of Tim and Majella McCarthy.

A Station Mass for areas which didn't have house stations this Spring will be celebrated on Wed night next, May 31st, at 8.00 pm in the church. Envelopes are available for distribution to those areas now, please:

- Bawnea and Clonbouig
- Barleyfield
- Clonbouig and Bawnea
- Burren
- Garrendruig
- Clashavanna, Shankiel, Ballinakeen and Coolshinnaugh
- Clashreagh, Killeens, Knockanroe, Hackettstown, Ballydonis and Currowrane
- Coolmain and Granassig
- Cripple Hill, Kielnamoul, Maulnaskinlehane and Maulmane
- Granreigh and Glounavaud
- Kilshinihan and Ballycatten
- Knockbrown and Baurleigh
- Maryboro (Cloncalla Mor agus Beag)
- Ratharoon
- Village

Eucharistic Adoration

Volunteers are needed to join the rota for Adoration during the hour of 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Wednesday. Contact Fr Cremin or Bernie Lyons.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

Well done to the Junior A footballers who beat Dohenys 4-8 to 0-7 in the first round of the

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BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

championship last weekend. The Intermediate hurlers meet Barryroe in round 2A of the championship on Sunday next, 4th June, at 6pm in Clonakilty. Best of luck to all concerned.

Lotto 8 - 13 - 16 - 25

The lotto jackpot of €11,400 was not won. €40 winners were Aideen Walsh, Padraig & Ciara, Raymond O'Leary, Timmy Hurley, Oliver O'Brien. The jackpot for this weekend will be €11,500.

THE ASCENSION

Today we are celebrating the ascension of Jesus. It is our faith that he is living in communion of life with God his Father. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 47) was composed in ancient Israel for the enthronement of the king. Today we celebrate the climax of Jesus' life. At his death he entered into the fullness of communion with God, which we speak of as 'heaven', where he became, in the words of the psalm, 'great king over all the earth'. Since Easter we have had a period of forty days in which we have been thinking about all the different ways in which Jesus has kept the promise which he gave his disciples in today's Gospel: 'I am with you always, to the end of the age'. The forty days is itself symbolic of our life's journey. We know that he will be with us at every stage of our life's journey.

Today, however, let us begin by forgetting ourselves and just looking at Jesus, and expressing our joy that at the end of his life's journey, God raised him to life and took him to himself, into an eternal embrace of love. We remember that on the day of his resurrection he asked Mary of Magdala to go and tell Peter and the other apostles: 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God' (John 20:17). Like us, Jesus spent his life dreaming of this day, his whole being longing to see God face to face and to enjoy the communion of love for which we are all created and for which we all yearn. As we love him, so our hearts are happy for him. His time of waiting, his time of suffering is over. Nothing can ever come between the longing of his heart and the joy of experiencing his heart's desire.

Being in communion with his Father, his heart is able now to reach out, beyond all the limits of space and time, to be wherever God's love is. And so he is able to be with us. We recall another promise he made: 'When I am lifted up from the earth I will draw everyone to myself' (John 12:32). We speak of him being at God's right hand (Second Reading) - which is our way of saying that he is at the heart of God's powerful action, bringing about the reign of God's loving will in this our broken world. We can still resist God's loving advances - hence the continual corruption of sin in our personal and communal lives. But nothing can stop God's love, and millions are welcoming this love and responding to it heroically in their lives.

We know the way Jesus relates to us now, because we have seen the way he related to us before death took him from our sight and our touch. He whom God lifted up to himself is he whom we lifted up on a cross. If we want to see what it means for Jesus to ascend, the best image is the glorified Christ reigning from the cross! The words that he spoke from the cross teach us the way in which he will always relate to us. He longs to forgive our sins. He longs to take us with him to be with him forever in God's embrace. He is thirsty for our hearts, and from his pierced side he pours out upon us the water of baptism and the blood of the Eucharist to cleanse and nourish us. He is constantly giving us the very Spirit of love that binds him to the Father, so that we can love with his love, and he assures us of his own mother's special care.

Fr Michael Fallon, MSC

http://www.mbfallon.com/homilies_yearA.pdf/ascension.pdf

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