



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 195

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses During the Week

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

First Friday

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

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is taking a Summer break for the month of July and will restart again in August

Kilshinihan Church

Meeting of volunteers next Tue night at 8.00 pm at the site in Kilshinihan. Most of the machine work is completed and help would be welcome for general tidying. Useful tools would be hedge-clippers, slashers, pikes and shovels. Gardening gloves advised. Plans are for concelebrated Mass in the church on Thurs Aug 3rd followed by a history talk.

Defibrillator

Kilbrittain National School has bought a new defibrillator and installed it beside the main door, facing the church. It is available for church congregations and there are plenty of people trained in its use, so chances are that in an emergency there would be operators available in the church. Failing that, there is a number to summon an operator.

Currowrane Cemetery Mass

This Mass is being brought forward by a week from the date on the parish calendar. It will be on next Wednesday week, July 12th, at 8.00 pm.

History Tour

The next history tour will be on Sat July 22nd. The trip to Kerry will take in Knocknagoshel, Ballyseedy, Killarney and a boat trip around Ross Castle. We will be attending the 6.15 Mass in Killarney Cathedral and Fr Cremin has been invited to concelebrate. On the way home there will be a meal in the Abbey Hotel, Ballyvourney. The cost will be €50 to cover bus, boat and meal. Bookings to be made to committee members before 17th July. Due to insurance purposes trips are confined to members only. To become a member call Niall on 086 0591854.

Courtmacsherry Bay Area Development

Meeting advertised for this Monday has been postponed until July 17th. This group has been in existence for a number of years and its aim is to promote tourism in the areas of Ballinspittle, Kilbrittain, Timoleague and Courtmacsherry. At this meeting three new members will be selected from Kilbrittain to take part in the group.

They are also announcing a new bus service between Kinsale and Clonakilty, passing through Kilbrittain village, running five to six times a day. This is being serviced by Rural Link. The bus is free for anyone who has a travel pass.

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

July-August Rota in Bandon Cluster

We welcome Canon Kingston to Kilbrittain this Sunday at the commencement of the new Summer Rota. Hard copies of the full two-month schedule are available in the porches and it can be found online at www.fcremin.com/rotas.html

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Today's Gospel

A missionary went to an island to introduce Christianity. He spoke to the natives about such subjects as virtue, justice, and sin. His audience was unimpressed. He bored them out of their skulls. He concluded it was time to cut his losses and head home. The natives agreed and made him a set of genuine alligator luggage "to go."

Since his ship would not arrive for months, the priest translated the Gospels into their language. A time came when he wanted to test his work's value. So, he read to the natives the details about the sufferings and death of Jesus.

The natives were overwhelmed by the passion. They asked him to read the passion chapters again. Finally, their chief said, "Why did you wait so long to tell us about a God who voluntarily suffers for us? You must not leave. Tell us more about this strange God who died for us." Soon the priest had to write for more missionaries to deal with his many converts. He had learned people are not attracted to Christianity by dry catechetical recitals but by the crucified Christ.

Check the history of Christianity. It establishes that those who remove Christ from the cross in their preaching will find themselves in the same situation as the missionary who opened our tale. Read about St Paul in Acts 17 and how was ignored in Athens when he neglected to speak of the crucifixion. He never repeated that mistake.

Intriguingly the early Christians may have learned from Paul's faux pas. The first part of the Christ tale that they committed to papyrus was the passion narrative. They were most anxious to tell every detail, no matter how gory,

of the suffering, crucifixion, and death of their Saviour.

They would turn up their noses at the "crosses" in some of our churches. I speak of the ones that show the resurrected Christ. One is hard put to find His wounds.

Why are we drawn to the cross like a magnet?

Firstly, the cross telegraphs the information that God is a tremendous lover. A prison chaplain will walk with a murderer to receive a lethal injection, but he will not accept it for him. Would you? But Jesus has done precisely that for us. The cross reminds its wearer, devout or not, that this mad world does have a purpose and God does not make throwaways.

Secondly, the cross speaks of the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus' willingness to forgive sins is more remarkable than His miracles. (Karl Barth)

Thirdly, the cross and today's Gospel tell us if there was a cross even in Christ's life, then our lives must not go into a tailspin when one appears in ours. We must carry it. We must follow in His footsteps and walk out of the tunnel a winner.

Father James Gilhooley

<http://www.homilies.net/E-17-07-02.aspx>

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