



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 225

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 Jan 2018

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pray for **Danny O'Mahony, Bawnea** who passed away this Saturday. Funeral arrangements later.

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 Feb. Calls to the sick and housebound will be made during the week.

SPECIAL LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Friday Feb 2nd: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (CANDLEMAS)

Candles will be blessed during 9.00 am Mass. Candles can be left for blessing to the church during the week

Saturday Feb 3rd: Feast of St Blaise

Throats will be blessed after Masses on next Saturday and Sunday

Anamchara Bereavement Information Evening

Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding

a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 7th February at 7:30pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 6th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Follow the footsteps of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. Take the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land, June 6th - 16th 2018.

Group Leader, Micheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar)

In association with PREMIER TRAVEL, Cork

Contact Micheál at 0868337681 or email culturaltoursireland@gmail.com

Cork Marriage Counselling Centre

Marriage, family, & individual counselling

Marriage preparation
Call 021-4275678 for help & guidance
Supported by the diocese of Cork & Ross, the Dept for Children, & the HSE

Websites: www.kilbrittain.org
www.fcrcemin.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
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KILBRITTAIN GAA

Lotto 04 - 08 - 21- 32

There was no in the lotto jackpot of €5,000. €40 winners were Edward Sheehy, Donal Cronin, Kevin Quinn, Fehily Family, Pat & Kay Lawton. Next jackpot will be €5,200.

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Today we see Jesus' authority. He is the author, the originator. He calls us to become missionary disciples. This is the third of five homilies on missionary discipleship. We began with the example of Andrew. Jesus calls him: Come and you will see. Andrew then goes to his brother Simon Peter with this news: We have found the Messiah - the one who fulfills our longing. Jesus, we saw, is the Lamb of God. He takes our sin and guilt upon himself, gives us a new beginning: repent and believe in the Gospel. We'll have those very words in two and half weeks when we receive ashes on our foreheads. Repent and believe in the Gospel. This Sunday we ask the question: Why should we repent? Why should we believe? Why should we follow Jesus?

To many people Jesus is a moral teacher along with Socrates, Confucius and the Buddha. So what? There are thousands of them, throughout history and even in our modern world. What makes Jesus different? We have the answer today. Jesus has authority. We follow Jesus because he has authority. About twelve centuries before Jesus, God promised he would raise up a prophet like Moses. You remember Moses - he gave the covenant, the law and the commandments. Jesus is the New Moses. He gives a new covenant, a new law, a new commandment. Jesus has authority.

Some of you might wonder what exactly does authority mean. It comes from the Latin "auctor" - author, originator. Jesus has authority because he is the originator. On Christmas day we heard: In the beginning was the Word and Word was with God and the Word was God...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus is the Word made flesh. As we say, true God and true man. That's why Jesus can command the demons. They are creatures made by God. For sure they have gone awry and do much harm. They use their freedom to oppose God. But ultimately they are creatures of God. So Jesus can say to them, "Quiet.

Come out of him." Jesus has the full authority of God. He is God. Jesus stands in a category apart from Socrates, Confucius, the Buddha or any great moral teacher. We can learn from them and admire them. I esteem Socrates but I do not have a living personal relationship with him - unless someday we meet in the Communion of Saints. So it is with all great teachers. Jesus on the other hand invites us this very day to an encounter - to enter a relationship with him, the most important relationship you will have with any person. Today we see Jesus' authority. He is the author, the originator. He calls us to become missionary disciples. Before him we face a choice. In the words of our Psalm, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@fcrcemin.com.
Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm.
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