



# Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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Third Sunday in Lent

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### Weekday Masses

Mon 9:00 am.  
Tue: No Mass.  
Wed 9.00 am, and 10.30 am  
Thurs and Friday 9.00 am  
Sat 10.00 am.

### First Friday Calls

Calls to the sick and housebound missed this week will be made next Friday 9th March.

### 5th and 6th Class Mass

Each Wed morning at 10.30 am during Lent in preparation for Confirmation. Everybody else welcome, especially any parents of these children who are free at that time.

### Stations of the Cross Cancelled

No Stations of the Cross this Sunday.  
Continuing each subsequent Sunday night during Lent at 8.00 pm.

### Monday's Adoration Cancelled

At the time of going to print on Sat evening the travel situation for Monday wasn't certain. In view of that, regardless of conditions and to ensure that nobody takes chances, there will be no Adoration on this Mon, 5th March.  
Resuming Wed afternoon at 2.00 pm.

### Station Re-scheduled

The station for Granfeen, in the home of Kevin and Frances Harrington will now be celebrated on Fri next, March 9th at 8.00 pm.  
*Please consider taking a station in your area.*

### St. Josephs Young Priests Soc

Meeting on Wed, 7th March, at 8.00 pm in the Sacristy. Pray for Religious Vocations during Eucharistic Adoration.

### First Penance

First Holy Communion class will be making their First Penance on next Thurs night.

### Children's Choir

Practice for the next two Thursday evenings from 6.00 pm to 6.45. All children from 1st to 6th Class welcome to come on board.

### Children's Mass

Monthly Child catechesis during Mass next Sunday March 11th.

### Knitting

Knitting at Patsy's continues on Monday nights from 8 pm.

### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

#### Pilgrimage of the Icon

Due to the weather, the Icon did not come to Bandon on Friday last.

### Pro-Life Speakers

(Message from Diocesan Office)  
Bishop Buckley has asked me to write to you concerning the Pro Life Campaign. As you may be aware, members of the Pro Life Campaign spoke to the Priests' Council last week. The Pro Life Campaign is currently running a programme where they deliver a moderate but life-affirming pro life talk which talks about the 8th Amendment and its

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[www.frcremin.com](http://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

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protection for mothers and their unborn babies. These are scripted talks which will be given by a female spokesperson for the Pro Life Campaign. Bishop Buckley and the Priests' Council approved the text and the Pro Life Campaign will be contacting you shortly to seek your permission to arrange for a suitable weekend for the talk to take place in your parish. The Diocese has approved this initiative.

### Pro-Life Rally

"Rally to Save the 8th." All-Ireland RALLY FOR LIFE, Dublin, Saturday next, 10th March. Buses departing from Cork City and County. To book a seat, contact Gillian 089 402 9445.

### Trocaire Boxes

Available in the porches for the Lenten Campaign. Please return during Holy Week.

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### Clearing the Temple

Christ arrives in Jerusalem for the Passover. At that time the temple was under construction for almost half a century and money for the building was still being collected. To gain admission into the Temple one had to pay half a shekel. That was a big sum amounting to two day's wages. However, if you came from abroad you didn't have shekels so you had to convert your own currency into shekels with the Temple money changers. They would take you to the cleaners. There was nothing you could do about it. The bankers in this context were bandits. This was theft in the name of religion. The problem for them was that Jesus was always an advocate for the underdog. John tells us today in graphic language what happened. This story sheds important light on the character of Christ. He had a low boiling point. He did not hesitate to resort to physical violence at the sight of people being abused.

This image is far different from the nerdy Jesus greeting card clerks sell us at three dollars each. You may be cringing right about now at saying, "Hey, that's an

angry Jesus you're painting. I don't want any part of Him." Well, relax. That is only half the story. That is Jesus the bad cop. Now let's check Him as the good cop. Turn to Matthew's account of this story (21:12-14). There Jesus after driving all the thieves out of the Temple is standing out of breath and in a sweat with his homemade whip in hand. At that point, all the great unwashed and the walking wounded rush up to Him. Some walk on their ankles. Matthew says in a masterpiece of understatement, "He healed them." There is Jesus the good cop. Those who needed Him saw no reason to get out of His way. Quite the contrary. They ran to Him for help and once again He delivered.

There are more than one billion Christians in the world. We should be having a significant impact on the society all about us. That impact should especially be for the underdog whether it be the unborn babe, the abused child, the battered wife or husband, the woman in the soup kitchen, and so on. What a different society it would be if each of us did something every day for someone weaker than ourselves. "How wonderful it is," wrote Anne Frank, "that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." In fact, though, the majority of us blend into the landscape. Contemporary culture has a dreadful effect on us. Perhaps today's Gospel will motivate us to work for others.

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