



# Kilbrittain Parish

## Weekly Bulletin

No 232

Fifth Sunday in Lent

18 March 2018

### Masses During the Week

Mon BANK HOLIDAY 9:00 am.  
Tue: No Mass.  
Wed 9.00 am  
Thurs 9.00 am  
Friday 9.00 am and 8.00 pm  
Sat 10.30 am and 8.00 pm

### Stations of the Cross

This Sunday night and every Sunday during Lent at 8.00 pm.

### Note: No 10.30 Mass on Wednesday next

As Fr Cremin will be attending the Bandon Gaelsoil Confirmations on Wed next, there will be no Mass for our own Confirmation Candidates.

### Rosary at Mass Rock for Life and Faith

National devotion at all Mass Rocks this Sunday, March 18th at 2.30 pm. Our rosary will be at the gate of Kilshinihan Mass Rock (the path and steps down to the rock itself are too difficult to negotiate for many people at the moment owing to damp conditions underfoot)

### Moyross Retreat Palm Sunday

St Josephs Young Priest Society to Moyross Wood Sunday 25th March. Bus departing from Kilbrittain at 1.45, Timoleague at 2.00 and Clonakilty at 2.15. €10 per person. For bookings call Cormac O'Connor 023-8849196 or 087-6167835

### Family Lenten Retreat

Alliance of the Two Hearts Family Lenten Retreat Sat next, 24th March at the Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown let by Fr Bing. Bus travelling from West Cork, contact Caherine Butler 087-7726096

### Easter Penance Services in our Cluster

Bandon: Wed next, 21st March, at 8.00 pm  
Kilbrittain: Monday of Holy Week, 7.30  
Enniskeane: Tue of Holy Week 7.30  
*Times of individual Confessions to be announced next weekend.*

### Knitting

Knitting continues on this Bank Holiday Monday night in Patsy's kitchen. All welcome.

### Kilbrittain Underage GAA

Please note that the Boston Tea Party is rescheduled for Saturday 14th April. All welcome, so please contact Eileen on 086 8167401.

### KILBRITTAIN GAA

The U21 footballers meet O'Donovan Rossa in the first round of the championship this Sunday at 12noon in Rosscarbery. Best of luck to all involved.

### Lotto 04 - 05 - 19 - 22

The lotto Jackpot of €6,400 was not won. The €40 winners were Siobhan Kearney, Shannon O'Donovan, Tom & Jerry & Co, Pat & Kay Lawton, E & J. The jackpot for this weekend will be €6,600

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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

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### Children's Choir

Practice on Tuesday evening next from 6.00 pm to 6.45. Note change of day. All children from 1st to 6th Class welcome to come on board.

### Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed at both Masses.

### Afternoon of reflection on Family in the Gospel:

a time to explore family life in the Gospels in the light of the teaching of Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia*. Saturday 24th March from 2pm to 5pm in Clonakilty Parish Centre, to reserve a place – contact Sr Karen 021 4537601. We will close with the placing our petitions for our families in the World Meeting of Families petition box.

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2018 BISHOPS PASTORAL

"Two Lives, One Love"

*The Irish Bishops issued an updated version of their pro-life Pastoral Letter. After last week's extracts, some further paragraphs are printed below. Full text can be read or downloaded from parish websites:*

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### 3. The Unborn as Persons

We would ask you to consider carefully the reality of what happens in the life of each human being, between conception and birth. The distinct identity of a human individual is already present once fertilisation has taken place. Everything else is simply the process of growth and development of a person who has already embarked on the journey of life. For us, as Christians, there is no conflict between faith and reason. Just as reason leads us to recognise the continuity of every human life, from fertilisation to natural death, so faith allows us to see each person as having his or her origins in the intention of God and his or her fulfilment in eternal life.

### 4. The Power of Language

We wish to refer briefly to the use of language with reference to unborn children. Words like "foetus" and "embryo" and "zygote" have specific technical meanings. We question why, in public discourse, healthy unborn

children are always referred to as "the baby" while those who, in the opinion of some, do not measure up to expectations are routinely defined as the "foetus" or the "embryo". We are concerned that language is being used with the intention of depersonalising certain categories of unborn children in a way which seeks to normalise abortion.

### 8. Conclusion

Living as we do, in a culture which places such a high value on individual rights, it may seem strange that the most fundamental personal right of all, the right to life, is increasingly being questioned and denied. The problem seems to be that, when respect for the rights of the individual is pushed to the extreme in a society, the result is just another form of individualism in which all rights, even the most fundamental of rights, become relative. As Pope Saint John Paul said: in such circumstances "the 'right' ceases to be such, because it is no longer founded on the inviolable dignity of the person".

9. The logical conclusion is that the whole notion of human rights is undermined and any rights that remain depend on the will of the majority.

Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution of Ireland (Bunreacht na hÉireann) has a particular vision which is based on respect for the right to life of every person. We believe that the deletion or amendment of this article can have no other effect than to expose unborn children to greater risk and that it would not bring about any benefit for the life or health of women in Ireland. We encourage you, therefore, as members of the human family, to work actively towards keeping the right to life in the Constitution, in the name of equality, fairness and compassion for all.

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