



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 236

Third Sunday of Easter Time

15th April 2018

Masses During the Week

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

Forty-Hour Adoration for Retaining the Eighth Amendment

This Sunday morning 15th April 6.00 am until Monday night 16th April 10.00 pm – unbroken through Sunday, Sunday night and Monday. Thanks to the many people who have been making commitments on the yellow timesheets. Those sheets are still on display on side altar and in porches for names to be added. Contact Bernie Lyons or Heien Ryan.

Feast of the Annunciation

Usually observed on March 25th, but that date was Palm Sunday this year so it is being celebrated this Monday, April 16th instead.

Bishop's Letter on 8th Amendment

All priests are asked to read this out at Masses this weekend. Printed version is available in the porches.

Station

Station for Kilshinihan and Ballycatten at Kilshinihan Mass Rock on Fri 18th May at 7.00 pm, weather permitting. Otherwise at the home of Myles and Ann-Marie Desmond McSwiney, Ballycatten.

Station Appeal

I would like to hear from anybody intending to take a station for this Spring.

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St Joseph's Young Priests Society

A. G. M. In Community Hall Wed week, April 25th, at 8.00 pm. Mass and a cuppa. All welcome

Papal Mass Sunday 26th August

In conjunction with Timoleague Parish we have booked a bus for this occasion. All those whose names were handed in have places on that bus and we'll confirm this to them individually during the week, together with details of price and itinerary.

Confirmations

Congratulations to the forty-one young adults who were confirmed in Kilbrittain last Thursday by Mon Leonard O'Brien. Thanks to the wonderful preparation by teachers and parents and to the talents of the candidates themselves, we experienced a truly wonderful liturgy which has received praise from all corners. Mons O'Brien also won the hearts of all, young and old.

Courtmacsherry Singing workshop

Fri 22nd to Sun 24th June. Multi-genre Choral Music, Singing technique, Ensemble and Solo Masterclass, Singalong sessions. Weekend, including barbeque, €65 if booked before May 1st (usually €70). Contact Ann O'Donovan 087 8509898; Marian O'Brien 086 3458764; Angela Veldman 086 4542185; Facebook 'Summer Songbook'

KILBRITTAIN GAA

The annual Golf Classic takes place on Friday 25th May in Bandon Golf Club. The time

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www.frcremmin.com

BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

sheet is now open and anyone interested in entering a team are asked to contact committee members.

Lotto 04 - 17 - 22 - 25

The €7,200 lotto jackpot was not won. €40 winners were Frank O'Brien, Arthur O'Leary, Darragh Healy, Martin Lehane, Sabrina Madden. This weekends jackpot will be €7,400.

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Some paragraphs from Pope Francis' new Exhortation 'GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE'

This exhortation is dated 19th March 2018 and can be read online (Google 'Exhortation Francis')

1. "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me, and be blameless" (Gen 17:1).

4. The saints now in God's presence preserve their bonds of love and communion with us. The Book of Revelation attests to this when it speaks of the intercession of the martyrs: "I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne; they cried out with a loud voice, 'O sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge?' (6:9-10). Each of us can say: "Surrounded, led and guided by the friends of God... I do not have to carry alone what, in truth, I could never carry alone. All the saints of God are there to protect me, to sustain me and to carry me".

10. All this is important. Yet with this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy" (Lev 11:44; cf. 1 Pet

1:16). The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect".

15. Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. Gal 5:22-23). When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: "Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better". In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love, "like a bride bedecked with jewels" (Is 61:10).

34. Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy, when all is said and done, "the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint".

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremmin.com. Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm. Weekly Bulletin online at <http://www.frcremmin.com/news.html>