



Kilbriittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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Fourth Sunday of Easter Time

22nd April 2018

Masses During the Week

Monday: 9.00 am

Tue: No Mass.

Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am

Sat 10.00 am.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

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

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.

History Society

Lecture on 'Placenames Along the Kilbriittain Coast' by Jerome Lordan on Tue next, April 24th, in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

Tea/Coffee Day in Patsy's

Wed week, 2nd May, in Patsy Nortridge's house from 11.00 until late. Come in and see the display of all the knitting and crochet work done by volunteers in Patsy's kitchen during the past year. These items will be handed over to care organizations: blankets to neo-natal unit in CUMH; baby clothes, hats and scarves to Simon Community. Proceeds of the day

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Simon Community and Cork Penny Dinners,
Call in for a cuppa!

Afternoon Tea in Aid of Irish Guide Dogs

Annual tea and dance on Sunday April 29th 2.30 to 5.30 in the Parish Hall. Muisc by Teddy Crowley, the singing busman. Your support would be appreciated for this worthy cause.

Forty-hour Adoration for Retention of the Eighth Amendment

Last Sunday and Monday we had continuous Adoration with a wonderful response from locals and strangers. They were special days when we felt the Lord's presence in a real way in our church, as well as seeing him. Thanks to the people who suggested this and to those organised the rotas and especially to all who gave time, day and night, in petition for the lives of the most helpless.

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'

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Websites: www.parish.kilbriittain.net
www.frcremin.com

BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

Why Cork doctor will be voting no to Repeal (Extracts)

By Dr Brendan Crowley

I AM proud to have worked as a medical doctor in Cork for the past 12 years. During my training to become a GP, I have been fortunate enough to work in many different specialities, including palliative care in Marymount Hospice, and in obstetrics.

I have had the privilege of observing the majesty of life at all stages of human development from before birth to natural death.

In my practice of medicine, and observing the Medical Council's Code of Practice, I am guided by two basic principles of care. The first is to do no intentional harm. The second is to practise medicine which is based on scientific evidence.

I am proud to practise medicine in a country which values the equal right to life of a mother and her baby, and which respects the two-patient model of care which underpins our maternity services. Observation of these principles has created the reality that Ireland is one of the safest countries in the world for women to be pregnant and for children to be born.

The Eighth Amendment is the Constitutional expression of this two-patient model. It means that both mother and baby share an equal right to life and are equally deserving of our care.

... It is important to be truthful about this simple point: abortion is not healthcare. It is never needed as a medical treatment and is not the cure for any disease. Abortion is the deliberate destruction of a baby in its mother's womb. The only guaranteed outcome of an abortion, in medical terms, is that a child's heartbeat is stopped and its life is ended. This is a fundamental violation of the first principle of care.

By falsely presenting abortion as a treatment or cure, pro-abortion campaigners seek to compel doctors to

breach the second principle as well, since there is no evidence-based scientific rationale for this position.

... The Eighth Amendment has been accused, most unfairly, of having caused the deaths of pregnant Irish women. Nothing could be further from the truth. For the record, no woman has died as a result of the Eighth Amendment, though this falsehood has been repeated time and again. Where it is probable that there is a risk to a mother's life, she is entitled to whatever treatment is necessary to avoid this risk, irrespective of the effect it may have on her unborn baby. Doctors do not have to wait until she is dying to give her necessary medical care. In the UK and the United States, where abortion is widely available, the rates of maternal death are higher than those in Ireland. 1 in 5 of all pregnancies in the UK are aborted. Is that a model of care which we should aspire to here in Ireland?

Each human being, regardless of age, gender, disability or circumstance, has an equal and irreplaceable value and dignity and is recognised and protected by our Constitution. If as a society we decide to pick and choose which human lives are worthy or unworthy of protection in law, we diminish respect for all human life, born and unborn.

Put simply, the Eighth Amendment means that a mother's life is always protected. It means a doctor's hands are never tied, and that we can work to achieve the best possible outcome for mother and babies.

That is why I will be voting to retain the Eighth Amendment, and why I will vote No on May 25 (Ironically, International Missing Children's Day).

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