



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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10th Feb 2019

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses This Week

Monday: 9.00 am
Tuesday; NO MASS
Wednesday to Friday: 9.00 am
Saturday 10.00 am

Mid-Term Bingo

In aid of Tidy Towns on Wed week,
20th Feb at 8.00 pm in Parish Hall.

Childrens' Mass

Monthly Mass with children's liturgy
and catechesis this Sunday 10th
Feb.

Cork & Ross Lourdes Pilgrimage

10th to 15th June, 5 nights. Full
board. Price from €749 incl. Tax.
Booking form available from Joe
Walsh Tours, 111 Patrick St, Cork
021-4277959. Enquiries for
Special Sick/Assisted Section to:
Canon James O'Donovan,
Ballinlough 021-4292296.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

The u21 footballers are in to the
final of the Glenville B tournament
after beating Sliabh Luachra Gaels
after extra-time and penalties.

Lotto 12 - 20 - 24 - 31

There was no winner of €3,600
Jackpot. Winners of €40: John
Madden, John Madden, Catriona
O'Neill, Esther Sheehy, Eabha
Kingston. Next week's jackpot is
€3,800. Please support!

Legion of Mary

Kilbrittain Praesidium meet in
Sacristy each Monday night 7.30 to
8.15. New members welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

There are 168 hours in one week.
Jesus said 'Could you not watch
one hour with me'. Adorers
encouraged to join our rota.
Monday 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and
Wednesday 2.00 to 8.00 pm.

Following the Call

The first reading is on the call of Isaiah, the second on the call of Paul, and the Gospel on the call of Peter and his coworkers. How did these people feel when they realized that they were in the presence of God. They all felt unworthy of God. Isaiah said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips!" (Isaiah 6:5). Paul felt himself unfit to be called an apostle, because he persecuted the church of God. (1 Corinthians 15:9). And Peter fell down at Jesus' feet and said, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8). Initial feeling of personal unworthiness could be a sign that a soul has seen God. That is why humility is said to be the first and primary virtue in authentic spirituality. The feeling of personal worthiness and competence, not to talk of the feeling of self-righteousness and spiritual superiority, could be a sign that the soul has neither seen nor known God.

When the soul admits its inadequacy before God, God reaches out to the sinner and renders him or her competent to serve Him. In the case of Isaiah, one of the seraphs touched his lips with a burning coal taken from the altar of the temple and said to him, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out" (Isaiah 6:7). In the case of Simon Peter, Jesus said to him, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people" (Luke 5:10). We see that their qualification for the work of God does not come from them but from God. It is not their personal achievement; it is God's grace. That is why Paul could say, "But by the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Beyond the feeling of personal unworthiness, there is another quality that

the three people who are called to do God's work in today's readings have in common, and that is the availability to do God's will and the readiness to follow His directives. As soon as Isaiah hears the voice of the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" his immediate response was: "Here am I; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). In the case of Peter and his partners, we are told that "they left everything and followed him" (Luke 15:11) without looking back. And Paul threw himself with so much zeal into God's work that he worked harder than all those who were called before him, though as he is quick to point out, "it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Merely feeling unworthy and incompetent does not make us into people that God can work with. We must add to that the availability and willingness to go out there and do as the Lord directs.

When we follow the guidance of the Lord in our lives, we achieve results that will blow our minds. This is what we see in Peter's miraculous catch of fish. He and his men toiled all night long and caught nothing. They were relying on their own competence as seasoned fishermen and following their own minds as to where and how to throw the net. The result, in one word, was failure. But when they followed the Lord's guidance which, humanly speaking, did not make much sense (fishermen did not set the net in broad daylight), the result was a resounding success.

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