



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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Third Sunday of Lent

Masses This Week

Mon 9.00 am.
Tue: to Friday NO MASS
Sat 10.00 am.

Priest on Duty

Fr Michael O'Mahony PP, Courceys will be very happy to attend to any urgent need in this parish Monday to Friday of this week
Tel: 021-4778055.

Stations of the Cross

Each Sunday night during Lent at 8.00 pm.

Legion of Mary Acies

This Sunday, 24th March, Kilbrittain church will welcome Legionaries from every Praesidium in the Region (Curia) for the annual ceremony of Dedication to Mary. The ceremony consists of Rosary, Legion Prayers, Sermon, Individual Dedications and Benediction. It begins at 3.00 pm and everybody is welcome to join us in the prayers.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN
Fr Jerry Cremin PP
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Stations

Please consider hosting a Spring Station in your area.

Assembly Nominations

Nomination Forms are available in the pamphlet racks and porches of the church today. Please give a thought to who (including yourself) might have a calling to serve the parish in this way for the next three years. Nominations close this day week, Sunday March 31st.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society AGM and Mass

Wednesday 3rd April in the Parish Hall. Mass at 8.00 pm followed by AGM, tea & chat. All very welcome.

Young Adult Helpers to Lourdes

the diocesan pilgrimage is seeking young adults (18-25) to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes from 10th to 15th June to assist with the care of the sick who travel to Lourdes. Please contact Fr Charlie Kiely on 021 4537474 or at

Websites: www.kilbrittain.org
www.frcremin.com

BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

pdo@corkandross.org for information and to request an application form.

Knock & Lough Derg Retreat

Monday May 20th: Mass at Glenstal Abbey Limerick on route to Lough Derg. Tuesday 21st May: Lough Derg retreat from 9.30am-4pm. Wednesday 22nd May: Visit Knock Shrine on return journey. Two nights accommodation with 2 evening meals and Lough Derg retreat all included in the package. Contact: Office: 023-8849196, Cormac 087-6167835 or Denise 087-7688561 Email: cormac@oconnorbushire.com

Holy Land Pilgrimage

May 28th-June 7th 2019. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). In association with Premier Travel, Cork. Contact Mícheál at 0868337681 or email culturaltoursireland@gmail.com

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Repent means 'Change of Heart'.

Among other things, the Lenten Season invites us to true repentance. The parable in the Gospel today sets out to show that God is giving us time to repent following the intervention of the gardener to allow the fig tree for one more year.

Earlier in the Gospel, some people approach Jesus to tell him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of the sacrifice. Responding to them, Jesus makes it clear that they are not greater sinners because of their tragic death nor are those who were killed by the tower at Siloam greater sinners. He concludes

by saying to them "if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did."

Barrenness and the resultant fruitlessness are indications of sin. In the parable, our Lord is telling us to repent, or we risk elimination from the vineyard of the Lord. The Greek word in the narrative is "metanoia" which means a change of heart. God is, therefore, asking us to change our heart through an intense and conscious renewal of our roots.

We need to return to God as the Israelites did after four hundred years of their slavery in Egypt, and God responded to them through Moses via the Burning Bush as we saw in the First Reading. The Burning Bush shows the ever-present burning love of God that is waiting for us this Lenten Season. Our responsorial Psalm says, "the Lord is compassion and love." Yes, He is waiting for us to turn back and become fruitful and productive.

The tree had one year to become productive; we have had years ahead of us to achieve our "metanoia" and come out from the slavery of sin. Now is a very fitting time to accomplish this and may we not allow it to elude us. God is interested in spiritual fruits not in barren religious trees. May we move from barrenness to essential fruitfulness to the glory of God and for our salvation.

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremin.com. Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm. Weekly Bulletin and archive since 2013 online at <http://www.kilbrittain.org>