



Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

In the Gospel passage Jesus tells two stories about people who accidentally find things they want more than anything else in the world – buried treasure, a very precious pearl. How do we know they want them more than anything else in the world? Well, they sell everything they have in order to possess them. Jesus tells us these stories are about the kingdom of God. So, as far as he is concerned, it is the kingdom of God we should desire more than anything else in the world – in the world – in this world. People think the kingdom of God is about the next world – some future life. But the way Jesus talks about it makes it quite clear that the kingdom of God is already here. At the beginning of Mark's gospel the first words we hear Jesus say are, "The kingdom of God is here." And in another place he says, "The kingdom of God is in your midst."

So what is this elusive kingdom of God that we hear so much about and that Jesus constantly tells us stories about what it is like without ever saying exactly what it is?

When Jesus taught us to pray, he said to pray this way: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done as earth as it is in heaven. Now these two petitions go together. When the will of God is done on earth then the kingdom of God happens. So let's risk a definition of the kingdom and say it is that community of people bonded together under the leadership of Jesus to do the will of God on earth. God's kingdom then is nothing more, nothing less than God's will being done. And what is God's will? It's quite clear from the first pages of sacred scripture that what God wants is the well-being of the people. And wasn't that exactly what Jesus wanted as well?

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 11 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

MASSES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 6.00 and 8.00 pm
Sunday (Streamed) 10.30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9.00 am
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wed to Fri: 9.00 am
Sat morning NO MASS

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday in August. Calls to sick and housebound will be made during the week under conditions of safety arranged with each household individually.

Legion of Mary

Weekly meetings have resumed but are in the church for reasons of social distancing. Every Monday 7.30 to 8.15 pm. New members welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

Full timetable restored:
Monday 9 am to 1 pm
Wednesday 2 to 8 pm

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Lotto 03 - 11 - 21 - 30

Lotto results for 19/07/2020:

Jackpot: €4,300

There was no winner.

Winners of €30:

Frank Kearney,

Pat Deasy,

Catherine & Aoife,

Joanne McCarthy,

Lorna Ryan.

Next week's jackpot is €4,400

Please Support!

You can buy tickets for next week's draw at the Post Office, the Co-op, the Kilbrittain Inn or on our website:

<http://www.kilbrittaingaa.com/subscribe.html>

You can also contact any Club Officer to buy a yearly ticket.

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