



KILBRITTAIN PARISH BULLETIN

2nd and 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's Church, Kilbrittain

Bandon Priest on Duty: 087 6472406

Fr Pontianus Jafra: 089 9561256

Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.00pm, Sunday 10.30am

Mass Intentions:

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Teresa Tuthill (1st anniversary)

Kathleen O'Donovan

Aiden Burke, Kilshinahan

Sunday 10.30am

Kitty Madden

Mary Dineen, Kilshinahan

To book an anniversary Mass, please call into the sacristy.

Visitation of sick and housebound can be organised by sending the Eircode to Fr Pontianus by text/call.

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday at 9.00am.

Adoration Monday, Rosary at 9am, followed by Adoration to 1pm; Wednesday 2 – 8pm

Young at Heart meets every Thursday at 2.45 in the hall. New members are always welcome.

Rosary will be recited at the Grotto every Monday at 7.30pm for the month of May – everyone is welcome.

Bring flowers of the rarest, Bring blossoms the fairest, From garden and woodland and hillside and dale; Our full hearts are swelling, Our glad voices telling The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale! *O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.*



Confirmation Congratulations to the 53 young people, from Kilbrittain and Gurraneasig National Schools who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday.

Spirit of God, grant me: The gift of wisdom To see the world through your eyes, The gift of counsel To make difficult decisions, The gifts of knowledge and understanding To use my mind to know you and to love you, The gift of fortitude To have the courage to live in the faith Despite the difficulties and disappointments, The gift of piety To be able to express my special love And commitment to you, And the right kind of awesome fear That makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love. Amen.

Cemetery Masses – dates for your diary: Rathclaren: Wednesday, 20th May, 8pm; Clashavanna: Wednesday, 17th June, 8pm; Currarane: Wednesday, 15th July, 8pm; Kilbrittain: 14th August.

The Way, the Truth and the Life (John :14: 1-12)

If I am conscious in my last hours on earth, my wish is that somebody will be at my bedside reading today's Gospel, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me." It is a consoling text often heard at a Funeral Mass.

After the Last Supper, Jesus is explaining to his disciples that he is going away from them. They are totally taken aback. But he explains that ultimately it will be for their good. His death will be the door to his resurrection. In this way he is going to prepare a place for us, with him in heaven. Thomas always has a question.

"Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

The reply of Jesus gives us plenty to ponder. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Philip seeks a clarification about seeing the Father. "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied."

Jesus replies: "To have seen me is to have seen the Father." Jesus is the Word made flesh. God has spoken to us in a human life, a body of flesh and blood, a language we understand. The best way of knowing what God is like is to reflect on the life of Jesus Christ, on his teaching and his example. There we learn the way, the truth and the life.

He is the way in the beautiful moral code that he has left us. All is summed up in the double commandment of love: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength; and to love our neighbour as ourself. This means reverence and respect. Reverence for God in thought, word and action. Respect for other people in justice, neighbourliness and caring.

Jesus is the truth for he gives us such a dignified meaning to life. We are children of God, brothers and sisters with all of creation.

Jesus is the life. He offers us a sharing in heavenly life. In his resurrection he has gone before us to prepare a place for us and he will come again to take us to himself. If we follow his moral way and walk in the light of his truth, then we are on the road to sharing in God's life, united once more with our loved ones who have gone before us.

Without the way there is no travelling. Without the truth there is no knowing: Without the life there is no living.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me."

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Best wishes to Fr Jerry Cremin as he continues his recovery. Please remember him in your prayers.

Kilbrittain Parish Assembly endeavour to live stream funeral masses, where possible. This is on Kilbrittain Parish Assembly Facebook page.

Notices for bulletin can be emailed to: kilbrittainparishassembly@gmail.com or passed to the sacristy by Thursday, 6pm