



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 165

First Sunday of Advent

27 Nov 2016

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: 9.00 am
 Tue: NO MASS
 Wed to Fri: 9.00 am
 Sat: 10.00 am

First Friday

Next Friday. Usual calls to the sick and homebound will be made.

Stations

A Station Mass for areas which didn't have house stations this Autumn will be celebrated on Wed night next, Nov 30th, at 8.00 pm. Envelopes are available for distribution to those areas now, please:

- Bawnea and Clonbouig
- Ballymore, Ballybeg and Knopogue
- Farnagark, Lisheenaleen and Rathclaren
- Garrendruig
- Clashavanna, Shankiel, Ballinakeen and Coolshinnaugh
- Clashreagh, Killeens, Knockanroe, Hackettstown, Ballydonis and Currowrane
- Coolmain and Granassig
- Cripple Hill, Kielnamoul, Maulnaskinlehane and Maulmane
- Granreigh and Glounavaud
- Kilshinihan and Ballycaffen
- Knockbrown and Baurleigh
- Ratharoon
- Village

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

St Josephs Young Priests' Society. Retreat to Moyross Sunday 18th December. Departing Kilbrittain at 1.30 and Clonakilty at 2 pm. €10 per head. Call Cormac O'Connor on 023-8849196. Mobile: 087 6167835

Presentation of Cheque in memory of Justin Kearney

There will be a presentation of a cheque, the proceeds of the Coffee Evening in aid of the Heart Education and Research Trust, in memory of their son Justin, at the home of Brendan and May Kearney on Monday next November 28th at 7.30pm. Doctors from the unit will attend. All are welcome.

Lectio Divina

For the month of December, Lectio Divina will be held in Ardacrow, every Thursday night at 8:00. All welcome. For more info please contact Sergio or Karon at 0870650253

Cancer Connect (Transport to Cork Hospitals)

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
 Cancer Connect is a free and flexible transport service, bringing passengers from West Cork for cancer treatments daily. Volunteers area asked to give about one day per month; this involves taking his/her own car, bringing a passenger to Cork and then home again. Cancer Connect will contribute towards the cost of fuel. If you, or anyone you know, might be available to join the team of if you would like further information, or wish to

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

BAPTISMS:
 Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

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1916 Garden Opening DVD

The DVD of the Kilbrittain 1916 Commemoration Garden Opening is now available to order.

Orders being taken from now until the end of November. Cost is €8 per DVD. If a DVD is for a relative abroad anywhere other than the EU, Australia or New Zealand, i.e. the US, Canada or Asia, please make known when booking.

Contact Denis O' Brien at (087) 2417325 or denis-obrien@hotmail.com for further details.

Bambinelli Sunday

Bambinelli Sunday is a beautiful tradition that was started by Pope St. John Paul II. Bambinelli is Italian, the plural of bambinello which means "little baby [boy]." Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Thousands of people come to St. Peter's Square bringing the Baby Jesus figurines from their cribs and nativity scenes; then, at the time of the Pope's Angelus address, he blesses all the little figures of the Child Jesus. Following a suggestion from the Diocesan Liturgical Office, we hope to bring this tradition to Kilbrittain. On next Sunday week, 11th December (Gaudete Sunday) you are invited to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus for your crib to Mass on Saturday night or Sunday to have it blessed. After the blessing take it home and gift-wrap it until Christmas Eve. Let it be the first Christmas gift you unwrap before putting it in the crib.

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

Today marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical Year. Each season has its special grace and today we begin the season of Advent in which we prepare for Christmas and await with expectant longing for God to be born again into our lives, our families, our Church and our world.

Saint Augustine summed up the mood of this season well when he prayed: 'You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless till they rest in you'. Our hearts are made for

God. Our souls long for communion with God. During Advent we are meant to taste this restlessness and this longing, to take stock of our lives, to check our direction and to await with expectation the special grace that God promises to offer us at Christmas.

Many of the Advent readings recall the longing of generation after generation of the people of ancient Israel, who experienced a special covenant with God and who longed for the Messiah whom they believed God would send them. We Christians believe that God fulfilled that promise in the person of Mary's child who said to his friends: 'Many have longed to see what you see and never saw it, to hear what you hear and never heard it' (Luke 10:24).

Whatever else we might do in preparation for Christmas, let us not forget Jesus' coming. Let us renew our resolve not to be distracted from it by all the razzmatazz that surrounds what has become largely a secular holiday with little or no reference to Jesus.

Fr Michael Fallon

www.mbfallon.com/homilies_yearA.pdf/advent_1.pdf

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret

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Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm.

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