



# Kilbrittain Parish

## Weekly Bulletin

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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### RECENTLY DECEASED

We offer our condolences to the family of **Kathleen Coughlan, Clonbouig** whose funeral takes place after our Sunday Mass this weekend.

Also to Canon John Kingston, Bandon, on the death of his sister, **Helen O'Brien, Conna.**

### MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: 9.00 am  
Tue: NO MASS  
Wed, Thurs and Fri: 9.00 am  
Sat: 10.00 am

### Parish Catechists

Note from Diocesan Office to parishes re opportunity for Training of Parish Catechists: To date we have received 23 completed application forms from parishes for the course beginning at the end this month. If you intend to nominate a parishioner to begin the training towards commissioning as a Parish Catechists please contact us at the office as soon as possible with the name so that we can forward an application form to them. The course days will be held at SCALA in Blackrock (opposite Blackrock Castle) and the first study day is on 28th January. *If anybody is interested, please contact Fr Crenmin. All expenses incurred will be reimbursed from parish funds.*

### Ladies' Group

Ladies Group meeting on Monday 9th at 8.30 pm in the hall. Guest speaker will attend. New members welcome.

### ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

Fr Jerry Cremin PP  
Member of Irish Confraternity of Catholic Clergy  
023-8849637 / 087-7857712  
Email: [mail@frcremin.com](mailto:mail@frcremin.com)

### Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is held every Thursday night at 8:00 in Barleyfield for the month of January. All are welcome. For further detail please contact Jim on 086 830 6312.

### Child Protection Officers

We are again appealing for people to consider volunteering as Parish Child Protection Representatives. We are the only parish in the Dioceses without such a group, which is essential for a parish to be accepted as an independent entity under Norms for Compliance with Child Protection Standards.

### Female Fun Exercise Class

Want to get more active & exercise with people just like yourself in a friendly setting? Come along THURSDAYS 7.15pm, Kilbrittain Community Hall. All welcome.

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Experience the CHRISTMAS STORY in the land where it actually happened. Take the TRIP of a LIFETIME to the Holy Land, June 12-22nd 2017. Group Leader, Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director, Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). Contact Mícheál at 0868337681 or email [culturaltoursireland@gmail.com](mailto:culturaltoursireland@gmail.com)

Websites: [www.parish.kilbrittain.net](http://www.parish.kilbrittain.net)  
[www.frcremin.com](http://www.frcremin.com)

BAPTISMS:  
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

### KILBRITTAIN GAA

#### Underage GAA

Our end of year social will be held in the community hall on Saturday 14th January at 8pm. Certificates will be presented to the under 8s, 10s and 12s, medals to the minors and team photographs will be taken of all age groups. Donations of baking/refreshments will be much appreciated. All welcome to attend.

Registration for 2017 will take place on Thursday 19th January 7-8pm in the community hall meeting room, forms will be available at the social.

Boston Tea Party will be held on Saturday 28th January in the community hall, please contact Eileen for further details on 086 8167401

#### Lotto 1 - 23 - 26 - 28

There was no winner of the €9,400 lotto jackpot. €40 winners were Sean O'Connor, Bernard Madden, Tony Hurley, Pat & Helen Walsh, Ahern Family. The jackpot for this weekend will be €9,500.

#### DVD Available

Anyone interested in purchasing a DVD of 'The Clash Without the Ash' are asked to contact Oliver O'Brien at 086-3855059. DVD's are €15.

#### Bereavement Information Evening

Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 18th of January from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Maritime Hotel, Bantry, West Cork. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Tuesday 17th January or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

#### Items Left Behind in Church

On Christmas weekend: Winter coat for very young child  
In recent weeks: Several pairs of reading glasses.  
May be claimed in sacristy.

#### The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist gives a new, fuller and divine meaning to our own baptism. This extraordinary event was also an epiphany i.e. a manifestation or a revelation of who Jesus was - the Divine witness to Jesus' standing as the Son of God. The Jordan scene was also one in which the threefold presence of God was manifested. The Spirit was seen in the form of a dove and the Son was affirmed by the Father - "And while he prayed, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven which said, 'You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.'" We notice St. Luke's emphasis on prayer. Other gospel writers describe this event, but it is only St. Luke who points out that it happened while Jesus prayed.

In baptism, we too are named by God. All of us have different names, signifying our uniqueness before God. Yet in baptism, all of us are given the same name, viz. 'child of God,' signifying our oneness with God and our unity with one another in God. God says to Jesus at his baptism, 'You are my beloved Son, . . .' God says the same thing to each one of us in our baptism, 'You are my beloved daughter, my beloved son.'

*Fr Albert Lakra*

<http://albee2012.blogspot.ie/2013/01/homily-baptism-of-lord-year-c.html>

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: [killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie](mailto:killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie) or to Fr Cremin: [mail@frcremin.com](mailto:mail@frcremin.com).  
Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm.  
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