

Kilbrittain Parish Bulletin

January 2012

New Year's Reflections

Looking back on the months gone by,
As a new year starts and an old one ends,
We contemplate what brought us joy,
And we think of our loved ones and our friends.

Recalling all the happy times,
Remembering how they enriched our lives,
We reflect upon who really counts,
As the fresh and bright new year arrives.
And when we ponder those who do,
We immediately think of you.

Thanks for being one of the reasons we will have a happy
new year!

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Tuesday Day off

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil: (Sat) 8.00pm Morning 10.30am

Weekday Mass Mon to Fri. (excl. Tuesday) at 9.00am

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.00am

Saturday Mass 10.00am

Confessions after Mass Sat. morning or by arrangement.

Baptisms

Sunday 12.15pm or by arrangement

Feast of the Epiphany Friday 6th January .

Mass Times Thursday. 5th January 8.00 pm

Friday. 6th January 9.00 pm

Due to Holy Day falling on Friday 6th January, **visiting of the sick**
will take place on Thursday. Jan 5th at the usual time.

We reflect on the wonderful Christmas Ceremonies we have just
celebrated. Thanks to all who organised and helped in any way,
and also to those who participated and attended and sincere thanks
to Fr. John.

Many Thanks

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Happy New Year to All.

The next "Do This In Memory" Mass

Sunday 1st January at 10.30am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday night 8.00pm
to 9.00pm. There is a new Adoration group in our parish. We hope
to develop the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the forthcom

ing year. Please drop into the church when you are passing and spend 10 minutes in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, especially on Fridays from 8.00pm - 9.00pm.

All **schools re-opening** Monday, January 9th.

“Be My Witness” programme for Confirmation. Will start in early February. Letters will be sent to parents of children who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation early in the new year.

St. Josephs Young Priests Society meeting in the sacristy Tuesday January 17th at 8.00pm. New members welcome.
A.G.M. Wednesday January 25th 8.00pm in the hall. Tea and refreshments after. All are welcome.

Parish Assembly Meeting Monday January 30th.

Kilbrittain Folk Group practice every Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Church . New members welcome

Adult Choir practice every Wednesday at 8.00 pm in the Church. New members welcome

Ladies Social Group night out to Greyhound track on Saturday 28th January. Contact Liz 8849742 or Mary 8849703.

Be Vigilant: As we head into the New Year, people are reminded to remain vigilant regarding their own security and that of their property. Demand to see I.D. from callers attempting to gain access to homes.

Events in the Church Calendar:

World Day of Peace January 1st

Epiphany (Holy Day) January 6th

Baptism of the Lord January 8th

World Day of Migrants and Refugees January 15th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18th to 25th

We pray this week in a special way for the unity of all Christians

St. Brigid's Day February 1st

Renowned for her hospitality, alms giving and care of the sick. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. Others followed her example and this led her to found a double monastery in Kildare.

Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple Candlemas Day
February 2nd The feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother and Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

World Day of Consecrated Life February 2nd

St. Blaise (Blessing of throats) February 3rd

Mass times 9.00am & 8.00pm (Since the 8th century he has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. He is said to have healed a boy who was choking. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The candles to be used for the blessing of throats are blessed on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, the minister touches the throat of each person, saying: Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness); in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.