

Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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First Sunday of Advent

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Fri next, 8th December. Vigil Mass Thurs at 8.00 pm. Mass of the Feast on Friday at 10.30 am. Pupils of Kilbrittain and Granassig National Schools will be attending Sunday's Mass.

Other Masses This Week

Mon: 9.00 am
Tue: NO MASS
Wed and Thurs 9.00 am
Sat: 10.00 am

Journal Launch

The Kilbrittain Historical Society are delighted to announce the publication and launch of the third volume of their journal. The launch will take place in the community hall at 8:45 pm on Saturday Dec. 2nd. The book will be launched by Pat Canniffe of the Bandon Historical Society. Refreshments will be served on the night. All are very welcome to attend to support this celebration of Kilbrittain's culture and heritage. We look forward to seeing you there. The book will be on sale at €10 per copy from local shops and bookshops in Bandon and Kinsale.

Remembrance Ribbons

Kilbrittain Scouts Remembrance Ribbons. Remember your loved ones on a Ribbon on the Village Remembrance Tree this Christmas. Ribbons available in all of the local shops. Donations please for the Red Cross and Kilbrittain Tidy Towns. Ribbons will be

placed on the tree at the turning on of the Christmas lights after the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass on December 7th.

Carol Services

This Sunday, Dec 3rd, interfaith Carol Service in Trinity Church, Rathclaren at 7.30 pm.

Mon 11th December; Kilbrittain NS pupils Carol Service in Kilbrittain church.

Sunday Dec 17th, St Patrick's Church, Kilbrittain, at 7.00 pm Carol Service on the theme of the Family and Ancestry of Jesus as we look forward to the World Meeting of Families in Ireland 2018.

Tidy Towns Calendar on Sale

The Kilbrittain Tidy Towns Calendar 2018 featuring photographs of the parish by local photographers is now available for sale in Hickeys Foodstore, The Post Office and The Creamery. Price €10.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The annual St Vincent de Paul collection will be taken up at they Masses on Sat 9th/Sun 10th Dec. Your continued support and generosity is greatly appreciated and we emphasise that all donations given are used in the Bandon and local parish communities. Also if you need help now or coming up to Christmas, phone 086-8255092 or write a note with your name and address and send it the the Shop in Weir St, Bandon, where it will be dealt with in confidentiality.

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

KILBRITTAIN GAA

There will be a full club meeting in the community hall on Tuesday next at 8pm. Topics will include voting on County board officer-ships.

Lotto 04 - 09 - 14 - 32

There was no winner of the €16,100 lotto jackpot. €40 winners were Cian O'Leary, Albert O'Donoghue, Lena O'Mahony, Theresa McCarthy, Robert Hayes. The jackpot for this weekend will be €16,200.

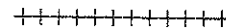
Anam Cara Parent Evening

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 6th of December from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Tivoli, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

Prayer for Blessing an Advent Wreath

This week we begin the season of Advent, when the days grow short and darkness closes in. We are preparing to celebrate at Christmas the birth of Jesus, who is the light of the world. Let's spend some quiet time being aware of the darkness and longing for the light...

Lord God, bless this wreath and bless us as well. May this wreath remind us of the hope and joy that Jesus brings into the world. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



A bunch of navy men were returning from a long voyage in the seas and as the boat approached shore, the men were all looking for their wives and girlfriends on the shore ... eager to see them again! As the men looked over the crowd of

women lined up, the air of excitement and expectancy grew. One man however was all alone as all the other men found their wives and girlfriends and they all embraced ... his wife wasn't there! Worried, he hurried home and found a light on in his house. As he entered he was relieved to see his wife, she quickly turned and said, "HONEY, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!" His response showed his disappointment however, 'The other men's wives and girlfriends were watching for them!' The difference between waiting and watching was only too clear!

-The Gospel Reading of today teaches us that we are to be 'watching' for the return of Jesus, not just 'waiting' for it. Those who watch for it will keep themselves alert and self-controlled; those simply waiting may slip into sloppy business with other things and let their priorities slip! Are we just killing time 'waiting' for Jesus to return, or are we really making time productive while 'prayerfully watching' for his return? We are to understand the days in which we live. We have to be a sentry! We are to be on guard duty. We have to be alert at all times. We have to be watchful. So over these four weeks of Advent, let us watch with the Church for the Lord, that we may be better prepared to receive the Lord when he comes at Christmas, or indeed whenever he comes. And this is the Good News of today.

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