



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Next Saturday, 6th January 2018. Vigil Mass Fri at 8.00 pm. Mass of the Feast on Sat at 10.30 am.

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday at 10.00 am

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of January. There will be no scheduled calls to the sick and housebound but I'll be happy to do any visits on request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration for this coming week. Returning on Monday 8th January.

Tractor Run

Annual Tractor Run in aid of Kilbrittain National School

Autism Unit on Sun 31st December (New Year's Eve). Assembling in Kilbrittain village immediately after 10.30 Mass. Refreshments in the Hall for participants and spectators before and after the run.

Anam Cara Parent Evening

Anam Cara, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Clayton Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. Anam Cara Cork offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

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

Blood Donor Clinics Bandon
The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in The GAA Pavilion, Bandon on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 from 5pm to 8.30pm and on Wednesday 3rd January from 3pm to 5pm & 7pm to 9pm

Today we continue to meditate in our assembly on the mystery of the incarnation, and to focus our thoughts we reflect that the Word made flesh was born into a human family and so knows all our limitations from, as it were, the inside. It is because Jesus knows us through and through that he can sympathise with us in our weakness and we can have confidence in calling on him for his mercy.

The story of the presentation in the temple is one of the events of the infancy narratives from which Luke wishes us to draw information for our understanding of the true and full identity of Jesus.

We can go through the gospel text and draw out the series of images Luke wishes to convey, and through them build up a mosaic of the identity of the Lord.

Here is a list working through today's gospel text:
He was born within the context of the Law of Moses.
He was born under the Law.

He is the one whom the righteous and devout awaited.

He is the desire of the prophets who sought the consolation of Israel.

He is God's salvation prepared in the presence of all peoples.

He is a light to all nations.

He is the glory of the people of God.

He is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel.

He is a sign that is spoken against.

He is the one whom the women prophets awaited.

He is the redemption of Jerusalem.

He is the one filled with wisdom.

He is the one on whom the favour of God rests.

We celebrate the mystery of God among us: we could go right through the gospels adding titles and descriptions — and yet we would still not have plumbed the depths of the identity of our saviour. Today we think of him especially as the infant in the manger, but he is also the Word through whom all things were made and without him was not anything made that was made. To follow him is life, but we will never grasp his identity for he draws us into the mystery of God.

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