



# Kilbrittain Parish

## Weekly Bulletin

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### Second Sunday of Advent

#### Masses This Week

Monday: 9.00 am

Tuesday; NO MASS

Wednesday to Friday: 9.00 am

Saturday 10.00 am

#### Carol Service

St Patrick's Church, next Sunday, Dec

16<sup>th</sup>, at 7.00 pm

#### Bambinelli Sunday

Bring the figure of the Baby Jesus for your crib to Mass on next Saturday night or Sunday to have it blessed. This tradition was started by Pope Francis. After the blessing take it home and gift-wrap it until Christmas Eve. (If the figure in your crib is not stand-alone or awkward to bring, you can bring the Star of Bethlehem from your crib or Christmas tree or any nativity figures or scene.) Let it be the first Christmas gift you unwrap before putting it in the crib.

#### Vincent de Paul Society

Our annual collection will be taken up at the Masses of Dec 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a worthy cause and your ongoing generosity every year at this time is greatly appreciated.

#### Remembrance Tree

Tree will be blessed and Village

Christmas Lights switched on

immediately after Vigil Mass this Sat, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

#### Christmas Lights Bingo

Hosted by Kilbrittain Tidy Towns on this

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

#### St Joseph's Young Priests Society Retreat.

Retreat to Moyross Woods Sunday next, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 pm. There is no bus being run this year.

#### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available from this weekend for distribution to the Station Areas. I am very grateful to those who volunteer to distribute offering envelopes to their neighbours. Each offertory box now comes bundled with brown envelopes for Spring Dues, Easter Offerings, Autumn Dues, November Offerings and Christmas Offerings. Distributors are also asked to take Parish Calendars to each house.

Labelled boxes are being delivered to all who have put their names on an

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[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

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offertory envelope, or envelopes, within the past three years. This means we can associate a box number with a particular person or family. We also get envelopes back where the donor hasn't supplied a name to associate with a number. We are grateful for these anonymous donations as well and, of course, for the money put in the collection basket without using an envelope.

There is a good supply of unallocated boxes available in the porches. If you would like to use the numbered envelopes anonymously please take a box. If you would like to be included among the registered donors, write your name and address on one envelope at least during the year and that number will be allocated to you for the foreseeable future.

Every envelope received, whether identifiable or anonymous, is entered by number and amount by Fr Cremin alone. Collectors write the amount on each envelope as it is opened and the envelopes are then used by Fr Cremin to enter the amount corresponding to each envelope number each week in a database. Only Fr Cremin has control of the list which identifies which name is associated with any envelope number.

Because most of the envelopes given out don't come back, and because of the cost of envelopes, we have been scaling back the quantities ordered each year and this year our order was for 450. This means that people who had envelope numbers greater than 450 have been allocated new numbers, taken from unused numbers down the list. Be assured that these numbers have never been allocated to anybody else, eliminating the danger of your donation being wrongly attributed.

#### BETHLEHEM PEACE LIGHT

Each Christmas our local Scouts bring us the Bethlehem Peace Light. What is the

#### Peace Light?

In early December each year, a candle is lit in the Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. This flame is taken by Palestinian and Israeli Scouts to Tel Aviv Airport where it is flown to Austria. From Vienna, Scouts transport it across Europe and beyond. In the week before Christmas, there will be Light distribution services across Ireland. Our Scouts are taking part in this as usual and they will bring the flame to Kilbrittain for the Vigil Mass on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

This year the Scouts have acquired mini lanterns for use of those who would like to take the flame to their homes. They are being made available at cost – €5 – and samples can be seen on the side altar this weekend. We have 20 available and more can be ordered if we are approached early enough.

#### 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. We have copied this tradition for the last two years in Kilbrittain.

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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