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# Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Masses this Week

**Monday to Friday** 9.00 am  
**Saturday Morning** 11.00 am

### Indulgences

Don't forget that you still have a few days to avail of the special privilege we have this year which extends the indulgence for visiting a cemetery to EVERY DAY in November, and not just the first week.

### Do This In Memory

At Mass this Saturday evening we meet some of the children from our First Holy Communion classes in Kilbrittain and Granasig. This year, for the moment, all the children will not be coming together as the addition of over 20 families would raise concerns about density of

the congregation. Over the four weekends of Advent all children and parents/guardians will make their commitments with regard to preparation for the sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist.

### Historical Sociey Zoom Timoleague C of I church

Zoom presentation by Donal Whooley on this Monday, 29th November at 8.15 pm 'Church of the Ascension, Timoleague and related events'. Link will be emailed to members. New members always welcome. For queries contact Triona On 087-6689116

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### Light up the night

In an unusual conjoining of celebrations, we begin the season of Advent today as our Jewish friends begin the eight-day festival of lights known as Chanukah tonight. It's intriguing to reflect on how Advent too is an extended celebration of moving from the darkness of history into the light of Christ's coming. Light remains a symbol of spiritual illumination, abandoning the gloom of ignorance for knowledge and the shadow of foolishness for wisdom. As we string Christmas lights and decorate with sparkling ornaments, let's consciously choose against error's dark deceptions and ally ourselves with the light of truth.

### Have yourself an evergreen Advent

The origins of the Advent wreath are unclear. Like many Christmas traditions, they may be pre-Christian, and like many of today's Christmas traditions, Advent wreaths were popularized by Germans, who took them first then to the United States. No matter where they came from or how they differ, Advent wreaths are rich in symbolism. The candles are lit as a sign of hope to dispel the darkness. The evergreen, wrapped in a circle, signifies continuous life. The prickly leaves of holly are like the crown of thorns. Pinecones symbolize resurrection.



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