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Advent is the name given to the period of preparation leading up to Christmas.

It begins on the 4 Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

In our church Advent is the beginning of the Christian year because the Church begins with Christ. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming."

It is a celebration of Christ's first coming, and at the same time a preparation for his return.

In the early church Advent was a time for fasting and self-reflection similar to Lent. Believers from the ancient church would be shocked at our lack of seriousness during the days leading up to Christmas.

So many of us get so distracted with the commercial side of Christmas, we could benefit from more time spent in spiritual reflection.

The Season of Advent is about hope. We look back on the longing of the Old Testament (OT) saints for the coming of the promised Messiah (This is reflected by our Jesse Tree showing some of the major symbols from the OT), and we look forward by the use of our Advent Wreath (the symbol made up of evergreens signifying continuous life, the circle which has no beginning or end signifying the eternity of God.

The four candles; 3 purple symbolising prayer, penance, and preparatory good work,

1 rose symbolising rejoicing, and finally the white candle standing in the middle symbolising Christ.

The great Christian writer C.S. Lewis wrote an essay contrasting Christmas and Xmas, he describes them as two entirely different holidays celebrated on the same day. So maybe this Advent you can reflect on which one are you celebrating,

Xmas or Christmas?

Happy Christmas All!



Kilbrittain Ladies Social Group will hold a Christmas Party Night in the hall on Mon. Dec. 3 at 8pm.

Kilbrittain Red Cross will hold a meeting in the Clinic on Wed. Dec. 5 at 9pm.

Mobile Library will visit Kilbrittain Church Car Park on Fri morn. Dec. 7

Kilbrittain Foroige Club are organising a Remembrance Tree. This is for loved ones or someone you would like to remember in a special way or someone who has passed away. The person's name or a thought can be written on a ribbon

which will be placed on the village Christmas Tree on Dec. 7. Ribbons will be available on the night or in local shops. A donation would be appreciated and this in turn will go towards the Christmas Lights in the village.

St. Josephs Young Priests Society will meet in the sacristy on Tues. Dec. 11 at 8pm. An evening of prayer and Mass will be held at Myross Wood on Sun. Dec 16. Bus leaving village at 1.45pm. Contact Gretta 8849738 or Maureen 021 4778218 before Tues. 11. Prayers are requested for five young men studying for the priesthood for the Cork and Ross Diocese.

Kilbrittain NS Christmas Concert takes place on 11 and 12 Dec. in the hall from 7.30pm. All students perform on the 11 and 2-6 class on the 12 Dec.

An afternoon of silent prayer, story and Mass led by Fr. John Fitzgerald MSC will take place on Sun Dec 2 from 2.30-5.00pm at the Sacred Heart Centre Western Rd. Cork. Theme- Peace for our World.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague Camogie Club Well done to the U16s who recently beat Eire Og and Killeagh and have now reached the county final U16A Championship versus Cloughdub this weekend. They play Sars in the semi-final of the league. Minors to play Enniskeane in the West Cork Final. Best of Luck to the U16s and the Minors.



Useful Help lines:

Samaritans 1850609090

SouthDoc 1850335999

Teenspirit comes to Cork

Teenspirit is a music project for young people 14-17 which we are launching in the diocese for the Year of Faith. To make this happen for our teenagers we need volunteers (over 18) to get involved in the project over the months from now to May 2013. If you wish to know more about teen spirit you are invited to come to a meeting in Clonakilty parish centre Thursday 6 December 8.00pm to 9.30pm to hear Noel O' Sullivan from Killarney speak about how he began teen spirit in Kerry diocese. Details: Sr. Karen 021 4537601.



MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS -

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT 10.00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10.30AM

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY 10.00AM



Fr. John Heinhold 087 1689292

Tuesday Day off

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil: (Sat) 8.00pm Sun. 10.30am

Weekday Mass Mon to Fri. excl. Tues. at 9.30am

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.30am

Saturday Mass 10.00am

Confessions after Mass Sat. morning or by arrangement.

Baptisms Sunday 12.15pm or by arrangement .

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 2.00pm -8.00pm

If you have an hour to spare every week and would like to join our Adoration Group please contact Fr. John.

Leaflet hold Elko= have been put at each door of the church. Please collect your weekly leaflet and return after Mass. There is also the "LOOK" activity sheet for our Children in the holders.

Carol Service at Rathclaren Church on Sun. Dec. 2 at 7.30pm. All are welcome

Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass Fri. 8pm and Sat. 10.30am. Holy Day of Obligation.

Carol Service at Kilbrittain Church on Sun. Dec. 16 at 8.00pm Refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Pastoral Area Penitential Services for Christmas: (There will be no Penitential Service in Kilbrittain. Confessions on Saturday 22 after 10.00am mass)

Innishannon/Knockavilla Monday 17 Dec. at 7.30pm

Bandon Tuesday 18 Dec. at 7.30pm

