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### "As we wait in joyful hope"

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and hope.

**Waiting:** We spend a lot of our life waiting, but Advent focuses our waiting. We are waiting to celebrate the Lord's coming at Christmas and preparing to welcome him. We are waiting in joyful hope for his coming to take us to himself and we are more conscious of that at this time of the year. Each day is a day into which God comes, but at this time we can be more aware of the wonder of that daily coming, and more alert in welcoming what each day brings.

**Conversion:** Are any of us really happy about the way we live our lives? During Advent we hear many prophets calling people to conversion, to change their attitudes and so to change their way of life. John the Baptist is the one who stands out most for us. His call to conversion is also a call to accept the new way of God; "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand".

**Hope:** We put our hope in the Lord who has come among us. We put our hope in what he has already won for us. We hope that his message and his grace will touch the people of the world and bring them to a new understanding. We hope for peace.



### Arrangements for Advent and Christmas 2004

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception,**

**8th December, Mass Times:**

**Vigil,** (Tuesday) 8.00 p.m.

**Morning,** 9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

**Ecumenical Carol Service Sunday,**

**19th December, 8.00 p.m.**

Readings, Carol Singing, Prayer

**Penitential Rite Wednesday,**

**22nd December, 8.00 p.m.**

*Visiting priests from the neighbouring parishes will attend to give absolution.*

### Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Day:**

**"Midnight Mass"** 10.00 p.m.

**Morning Masses** 9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

**Sunday 26th December:**

**Feast of the Holy Family.**

**Morning,** 9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

*There will be no Vigil Mass on Christmas Day*

**Times of Confessions:** Saturday 18th 12.00 noon

## **The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord**

is on Thursday, 6th January 2005, and is a Church Holiday



### **Deaths:**

Michael McCarthy, Shanakiel.  
Bunny Hurley, Ardacrow.  
Christy O'Sullivan, Kilshinihan.

*God's grace and mercy are with those he has chosen. Wisdom 4:15)*



### **Autumn Stations**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who hosted the Stations for the Autumn Season. We had only ten stations in all this time. The tradition has been strong in Kilbrittain. It would be a pity to see it weaken. I also thank you for your generous contributions for the station dues, and indeed for the contributions on other occasions. Tom Riordan P.P.

### **Parish Pastoral Assembly**

Since the Parish Assembly's weekend in Myross Wood the Vision Group and the three working groups have been reflecting on the way ahead for the three years ahead and would appreciate any suggestions for ideas and/or projects. They have also elected officers.

Vision Group: Chair: Pat McCarthy ( 086 8047701 )  
Sec. Imelda Hurley ( 086 2769733 )

The following are the three groups:

Faith Development & Liturgy :  
Chair; Teresa Barry,  
Sec. Majella Mc Carthy.

Community Involvement:  
Chair; Michael Coleman,  
Sec. Rosena Murphy.

Listening & Caring: To be advised.



'Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul And sings the tune without the words and never stops at all'. *Emily Dickenson*



### **Kilbrittain Craft Day**

Kilbrittain Parish Hall on Sunday 28th November  
from 2.00p.m. to 6.00.p.m.  
Admission free. All are welcome.

**Hamilton High School, Bandon**  
are holding an open Day on Saturday,  
4th December from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.  
All parents of boys in sixth class are invited to attend.

**Innishannon Food Fair**  
Sunday 5th December  
in The Hall 12.00 noon  
Home made cakes, plum puddings, Jams,  
chutneys and all kinds of culinary delights!

Proceeds to the Innishannon Church Refurbishment Fund.



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**Sunday Mass Times:**

**Vigil,**(Sat) 8.00 p.m.

**Morning,** 9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

**Confession: Saturday,** 12.00 noon 7.30 p.m.

**Baptisms: Sunday,** 12.15 p.m. or by arrangement.

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