

Kilbrittain Parish Bulletin

December 2011

Beginning the church's liturgical year, Advent is the season leading up to the celebration of Christmas. It is the time we are given to prepare ourselves by reflecting on the Christ's second coming at the end of time as we celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's birth at Christmas. Here in Kilbrittain we started our preparations with the Jesse Tree. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1 "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and an branch from his roots." It is the vehicle to tell the story of God in the Old Testament, and to connect Advent Season with the faithfulness of God across 4,000 years of history. The Jesse Tree is therefore an appropriate symbol of Jesus Christ, who is the revelation of the grace and faithfulness of God. Come and visit our Jesse Tree and read more.

We also lit the first candle on our Advent Wreath. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made up of evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. One tradition says that each candle represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Saviour. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles symbolise prayer, penance, and preparatory good work. The rose candle symbolise rejoicing as it is lit on the third Sunday, known as Gaudete Sunday. One white candle stands in the middle of the Advent wreath. It is lit on Christmas Eve to symbolise Christ.

We also plan to have a **Carol Service on Sunday the 11th December at 8.00pm**. There will be lots of singing of carols and many more symbols used. All this is in preparation for the great feast of Christmas. So

HAPPY CHRISTMAS ALL!

Fr. John Heinhold 087 1689292

Tuesday Day off

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil: (Sat) 8.00pm Morning 9.00am and 11.30am

Weekday Mass

Mon to Fri. excluding Tuesday

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9.00am

Saturday Mass 10.00am

Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8th.

Vigil Mass Wednesday 7th at 8.00pm.

Thursday 8th at 9.00am & 11.30am.

Feast of the Holy Family on Fri. 30th Dec.

Confessions after Mass Saturday morning or by arrangement.

Baptisms Sunday 12.15pm or by arrangement

Christmas Carol Service Sun 11th Dec. at 8pm in the Church.

Refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Christmas Mass Times:

Vigil Mass Sat. 24th (Christmas Eve) 10 pm;

Sun. 25th (Christmas Day) 9am and 11.30am.

Mon. 26th (St. Stephen's Day) 11am.

NEW MASS TIMES

FROM the 1ST JANUARY 2012

Vigil Mass every: Saturday 8.00pm

Sunday Mass every: Sunday 10.30am

May they Rest in Peace:

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of

Lawrence Deasy (Cloundereen),

Maureen O' Brien (London) and

Eileen Hurley (Baurleigh)

on their passing from this life to their eternal rest. R.I.P.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of every month at 8pm.

Kilbrittain Folk Group practice every Tuesday at 8.00pm

in the Church . New members welcome

Adult Choir practice every Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Church.

New members welcome .

Gurraneasig NS will hold their Christmas Concert on Wed.

December 7th in the hall at 7pm.

Kilbrittain Ladies Social Group will hold their next meeting

on Mon. December 12th at 8pm. Guest Speaker will attend. It is

also a Christmas Party Night. New members always welcome.

Annual night out to the Greyhound Track on the last sat. in Jan.

Contact Mary 8849703 or Liz 8849742.

Upton Prayer Group celebrate 25 years together. Mass of

Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Upton on Mon.

December 12th at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Contact Maureen Bowen 087 9850162.

St. Josephs Young Priests Society meet on Tues. December 13th

in Sacristy at 8.00pm. New members welcome.

Evening of Prayer for Christmas at Myross Wood on Sunday

December 18th at 3pm. Bus leaving village at 1.45pm.

A.G.M. and Mass will be held in the hall on January 25th at 8pm.

Kilbrittain NS Concert in the hall on Tuesday 13th and

Wednesday 14th at 7pm.

Brendan and May Kearney would like to thank all those who contributed to their coffee evening in memory of their son Justin. €2435.00 was raised in aid of the Heart Education and Research Trust C.U.H. Thanks also to Barry Madden and the Festival committee who raised €2280.00 with a vintage run.

Underage Officers:

Chairperson: - Sharon McSweeney.

Vice Chairperson: - Ger Hodge

Secretary:- Michelle O'Mahony

Assist. Secretary:- Susan O'Donovan

Treasurer:- Lisa Nixon

Assist. Treasurer:- Helen Butler

Liaison Officer:- Catherine Whelton

G.A.A Underage Foundation Course will be held in the New Year. Details contact 086

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Kilbrittain/Timoleague Camogie U16s beat Enniskeane in the West Cork final recently. They lost the League County Final by 1 point to the Glen. Well done to this team and their trainers Finbarr and Peadar for all their hard work over the last 12 mths. Also well done to the Minors who won the West Cork on Saturday November 26th. Thanks also to their trainers Alan, Aidan and Seamus. Well done girls on a great year in the Camogie Club.