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Stay Awake!

Good advice at any time! We need to stay awake when driving, or even walking on the road. We need to stay awake if we are buying or selling. It is good advice for any aspect of life but most of all it applies to good living. Many of the stories of Jesus in the gospel are about staying awake while waiting for the Master's return.

Advent is a time when that advice is given anew. Advent is a time of waiting and expectancy. We listen to readings from the prophets calling on people to prepare a way for the Lord. The prophets looked forward to a new time, when a leader would come among them who would not compromise and so would lead them on the right way. We look forward to celebrating again the coming of "the one who is to come". His coming brings peace; peace to those who welcome him into their hearts and their lives.

Advent is also a time when we are conscious that the Lord comes for each one of us at the end of our lives. To stay awake for that coming is the task of a life time. Each day, each moment of the day is a preparation for that coming.

Advent, is a time of preparing for Christmas. There is a danger that we can get distracted and caught up in the hype and commercialism of the season. The message stay awake is timely - to stay awake to what we are about and to that for which we are preparing.



Arrangements for Advent and Christmas 2005

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December,

Mass Times:

Vigil,(Wednesday) 8.00 p.m.

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

Ecumenical Carol Service Sunday, 18th December, 8.00 p.m.

Readings, Carol Singing, Prayer

Penitential Rite Wednesday, 21st December, 8.00 p.m.

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

Times of Confessions: Saturday 17th & 24th 12.00 noon

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Day:

"Midnight Mass": 10.00 p.m.

Morning Mass: 9.00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Day (Monday 26th December):

Mass: 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 27th December:

Mass: 11.00 a.m.

Feast of Mary, Mother of God. (Sunday 1st January):

Vigil, (Sat) 8.00 p.m.

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

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

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



Notice Board

Marriages:

Maria Moloney to Barry Whelton, Barryroe

May they be blessed with happiness in life.

Deaths:

Kitty McCarthy, Shanakiel.

Rita Hayes, Burren.

Paddy O'Neill, Burren.

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



First Friday Adoration

The **Blessed Sacrament** is on the Altar,
in Kilbriain Church each First Friday
from 8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

People are welcome to come for whatever time suits,
five minutes or for the hour



Do This in Memory

A new programme developed for parents and families of children preparing for First Holy Communion has been taken on by the Parish Assembly and parents of the parish. On one Sunday each month the families come together at Mass. This Mass focuses on the children and their preparation. They bring their candle and put it in the "Sacred Space". This candle is lit at home also at prayer time.

The "Grape Vine" is handed out at Mass with news and projects for the coming month. On the last Sunday the children brought a name card and left it by the Good Shepherd in the "Sacred Space". After Mass parishioners were invited to take a card and pray for the person named on it for the week. Over the next weeks people will have an opportunity to take a card and pray for the girl or boy named on it.
