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Advent a time of new beginning, a time of expectations a time of hope as we look into a new church year and prepare for Christmas. Somehow this year people may not be looking forward with great expectations or with enthusiasm because they fear that the recession is only beginning. This poses a challenge. We will need to adjust, to curb spending, to watch the pennies, as the saying goes. Coming up to Christmas we need serious thought, careful planning. Christmas presents have their importance. We like to show appreciation, gratitude, friendship and it is good to show love. This can be done without going over the top, within quite moderate limits. "It is the thought that counts".

We are bombarded with suggestions for Christmas presents by the advertising world, with all sorts of ideas, some more outlandish than others. One suggestion has become popular in recent years, one that is made by charities and helping agents of various sorts. Trócaire has been doing this for years. We can send a set figure, in the name of the person to whom we wish to give a present. This figure goes to give a "gift" that is life enhancing to a person or a family in a developing country. At the same time a card, stating what the money goes for, is given to the one to whom we want to wish a Happy Christmas. Both benefit. A Christmas present does not have to be "socks or a tie". Most people are adult enough that they would be delighted to get a gift that helps those who struggle to exist. Maybe this Christmas we might think again as we spend. What is the catch phrase; "Live simply so that others may simply live"?



### Notice Board

#### Marriage:

Tim Joe O'Donovan, Baurleigh to Carol Bradfield, Bandon.

*May they be blessed with happiness in life*

#### Deaths:

Patricia Hunt, Flaxfort.  
Eithne Collins, Shanakiel.

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

### Arrangements for Advent 2008

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December,

##### Mass Times:

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

#### Ecumenical Carol Service

**Sunday, 14th December, 8.00 p.m.**

Readings, Carol Singing, Prayer,

#### Penitential Rite

**Tuesday 23rd December 8.00 p.m.**

*Visiting priests from the neighbouring parishes will attend to give absolution.*  
The neighbouring parishes also have Penitential Rites

**Innishannon:** Tuesday, 16th 7.30  
**Newcestown:** Wednesday, 17th 8.00  
**Enniskeane:** Thursday, 18th 7.30  
**Bandon:** Monday, 22nd 7.30

**Times of Confessions:**  
Saturday 14th & 21st 12.00 noon



**Retreat at Myross Wood**  
**Tuesday 16th December 8.00 p.m.**  
A Bus will be leaving the Village at 6.45 p.m.  
Contact any members of  
St. Joseph's Young Priests Society  
or Maureen 021 4778218  
Gretta 023 49738



#### **Child Protection Policy**

The Child Protection Officers of Kilbrittain Parish met the leaders of the various youth groups in the parish on Wednesday 19th November. They explained the procedures that should be followed. These were basically being done but some adjustments will have to be implemented. Representatives of four groups were present, the altar servers, the children's choir the folk choir and the Friday evening youth group that meets in the hall. This was followed by a meeting with parents of the children to explain procedures to them.

The Child Protection Representatives for this Parish are:  
Teresa Ahern 023 49670  
Elmarie Sage 023 49899

#### **First Friday Adoration**

The **Blessed Sacrament** is on the Altar, in Kilbrittain 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



#### **Arrangements for Christmas Season 2008**

##### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

##### **Mass Times:**

Vigil, (Sat) 8.00 p.m.  
Morning, 9.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

##### **Christmas Mass Times**

##### **Christmas Day:**

"Midnight Mass" (Wednesday) 10.00 p.m.  
Morning Masses 9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.

##### **St. Stephen's Day:**

**Friday 26 December**

**Saturday 27th December**

Mass: 11.00 a.m.



**Feast of the Holy Family  
Sunday 28th December:**

**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 Tuesday, 6th January 2009

**Masses:**

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

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

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