

Advent 2009

Parish Bulletin > 2009

Kilbriain Parish Bulletin

Advent 2009

Advent

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 we are very much in need of hope. There have been so many difficult situations during this year. It seems as if the words of Jesus in the Gospel for this week end are coming to pass: "and on earth distress among nations". There is certainly distress resulting from the deep recession and during the last weeks the weather and flooding. Somehow crises like we are seeing can bring out the best in people but unfortunately the worst in some. The present situation calls for solidarity and for a willingness to share the burden and to reach out to those most in need. The help agencies such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society are telling us of unprecedented demands on their help. The IFA and sister organisations are even finding themselves involved in "aid" and by accounts the response is very generous.

Maybe all this helps us to focus on Christmas and the real meaning of what we celebrate. The coming of the Christ Child brought a message of Love. The full meaning of that love was not just spoken of in the teaching of Jesus but was lived out in every moment of his life. The story of his birth which we celebrate in the Bethlehem event is symbolic of the One who "emptied himself .. being born in human likeness" and who "humbled himself and became obedient". His whole life was sacrifice. Christmas a time of presents and celebration can also be a time of "sacrifice" if we choose gifts thoughtfully. Trocaire and similar agencies give us great suggestions for gifts.



Marriage:

Oliver Ahern, Granfeen to Susan Wallace, Tipperary.

My beloved is mine and I am his. (Song of songs 2:16)

Deaths:

Tim Cahill-O'Brien, Kilbriain Castle.

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



Arrangements for Advent 2009

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December,

Mass Times:

Vigil, (Sat) 8.00 p.m.

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

Ecumenical Carol Service

Sunday, 13th December, 8.00 p.m.

Readings, Carol Singing, Prayer,

Penitential Rite

Thursday 17th December 8.00 p.m.

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

The neighbouring parishes also have Penitential Rites

Newcestown: Wednesday, 16th 8.00

Enniskeane: Friday, 18th 7.30

Innishannon: Monday, 21st 7.30

Bandon: Tuesday, 22nd 7.30

Times of Confessions:

Saturday 12th & 19th 12.00 noon

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Times: Vigil, (Sat) 8.00 p.m.

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



Christmas Day 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: Saturday 26 December

Mass: 11.00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family Sunday 27th December:

Masses:

Vigil, (Sat) 8.00 p.m.

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

New Year's Day : Friday 1st January 2010

Mass: 11.00 a.m.

Saturday 2nd January

Mass: 11.00 a.m.

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

is on **Wednesday**, 6th January 2010

Masses:

Vigil, (Mon.) 8.00 p.m.

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

Sunday; The Baptism of the Lord, 10th January

Masses:

Vigil, (Sat.) 8.00 p.m.

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



Retreat at Myross Wood

Tuesday 15th December 8.00 p.m. A Bus will be leaving the Village at 6.45 p.m. Contact any members of St. Joseph Young Priests Society Maureen 021 4778218 or Gretta 023 8849738



You shall be my witness

Is the title of a new programme for children preparing for Confirmation. It will be run in four Monday evenings in Lent and will be lead by parent volunteers.
The Enrolment Ceremony for the Confirmation children is on Monday 30th November.



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.
