



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

MONDAY
(Bank Holiday) 10.00 am
TUESDAY
NO MASS
WED, THURS, FRI
9.00 AM
SATURDAY
10.00 am

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of August. Usual calls will be made to the sick and housebound during the week.

Eucharistic Adoration

NO Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, Bank Holiday
Resumes Wednesday 2.00 to 8.00 pm

SMA Pilgrimage to Lourdes

17th to 22nd September. Five nights full board in Hotel Roissy. Contact Fr Martin Kavanagh SMA at 021-4292871

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins: killeenskilbrittain@yahoo.ie or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremin.com. Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm. Weekly Bulletin and archive since 2013 online at <http://www.kilbrittain.org>

Oberammergau

In the year 1633 a plague raged through the State of Bavaria in Southern Germany, including the little town of Oberammergau. After many deaths, the townspeople made

a vow to portray the "Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. From that moment nobody else died.

This vow has been fulfilled at the start of every decade for almost four centuries. The 2020 performances had to be delayed, but this Summer is seeing the tradition continue. From May to October, the play is performed five days a week before an audience of over 4,000 each time from all over the world. The cast of over 400 is drawn entirely from the local people, even children as young as two. There are in addition sixty or so singers in the choir. Not forgetting horses, camels, donkeys, sheep, goats and doves! Many others are involved offstage in production, props including over 800 costumes, scriptwriting and

guide/security duties. Preparation and rehearsals take several years -- the men involved let their hair and beards grow from Ash Wednesday of the year before the the play is performed

The play takes five hours to perform with an interval of two hours at the half-way point -- 2.30 to 5.00 pm and 7.00 to 10.30 pm. The scenery, the acting and the costumes are wonderfully convincing.

Last Tuesday I had the privilege of experiencing this unique presentation for myself. It left me full of joyful gratitude for the opportunity. I feel as if the Passion is part of my own living memory now and I'm sure I have been left with much continuing material for meditation.

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 9:30 to 1; Wed 2 to 8



The above photo is from Getty Images, haven't sorted my own few out yet