



Kilbrittain Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE' SUNDAY

Family of Parishes

We welcome Fr Bernard Donovan, Kilmurry Parish, as our celebrant for this weekend's Masses.

Masses this Week

Monday: 9.00 am

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wed, Thurs and Fri: 9.00 am

Saturday: 10.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Wednesdays 2.00 to 8.00 pm

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian Life. *Vatican II*

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, Sat Dec 24th:

Children's Mass 6.00 pm

Mass of Christmas Night 9.00 pm

Christmas Day Sun Dec 25th

Mass of Christmas Day 10.30 am

Christmas Confessions

To be announced next Sunday

Community Christmas Party

This Sunday, December 11th, at 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Lunch catered by Celina, music by Ger Deasy.

Kilbrittain Interfaith Carol Service

This Sunday, December 11th, at 8.00 pm in St Patrick's Church. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall. Donations of cakes, etc would be very welcome in the Hall from 5.00 pm on Sunday.

Vincent De Paul Christmas Collection

Instead of Church Door Collection, there is a box in front of the altar this weekend for donations to aid Bandon St Vincent de Paul

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BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9:30 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

Conference. Envelopes marked for St Vincent de Paul may also be put in the boxes in the porch.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Available in the porches from today.

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes 2023

Can be picked up in the church from later this week.

Rural Transport Lotto

Back again since November after and absence of 2½ years.

Christmas Lotto Draw Dec 14th
Jackpot €14,700 plus 9 Supervalu vouchers: 2 X €100, 2 X €75, 5 X €50. Tickets for raffle available from Eileen Hayes for €2 each. Perhaps you would like to join the Lotto Group for €2 every fortnight.

I would like to say thanks to all the people who have been loyal supporters since the onset of this worthy cause. Thank you.

Rememberance Ribbons

The names of the deceased which are on the ribbons on our Village Christmas Tree have been copied into a scroll which is on the altar at present and which will remain there for all the Masses during the Advent and Christmas Seasons

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret Collins:

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or to Fr Cremin: mail@frcremin.com.

Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

In today's First Reading Isaiah claims to proclaim God's intentions for his people, Israel: The eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed ... That was two and a half thousand years ago – If anything, things have got worse.

John the Baptist had looked forward to one coming after him, one stronger than he. Jesus came – but John's dreams did not eventuate.

In that brief section of his letter that we read today, St James tells his readers to be patient until the Lord's coming. But why does the Lord not come now? Why do we have to be patient? Why wait? What is holding the Lord up?

Interestingly, as Matthew writes his Gospel, Jesus has come. He came as the suffering, persecuted Son of Man, and, indeed, with power and great glory, at his crucifixion. He came as Judge of the world, the one whose integrity graphically illustrated what was good and what was evil. After his resurrection, he came in a different way. As Matthew said, right at the end of his Gospel: Jesus came and spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me... And ... know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Indeed, the risen Jesus is with us now: I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Fr John McKinnon

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