



# Kilbrittain Parish

## Weekly Bulletin

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### FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

#### Feast of the Epiphany

Next Friday, 6th January

Vigil Thurs **7.00 pm.**

Mass of the Feast Fri **10.30 am**

#### Morning Masses this Week

**Monday BANK HOLIDAY:**  
**10.00 am**

**Tuesday: NO MASS**

**Wed and Thurs: 9.00 am**

**Saturday: 10.00 am**

#### Adoration

NO Adoration until Mon 9th Jan.

#### Church Cleaning

New Rota to September 2023 now available in sacristy, on noticeboards and on parish website.

#### Thank you, 2022

A few key memories of my own from 2022.

Firstly my spontaneous trip to Germany to attend the wonderful Obergammerau Passion Play.

Secondly, the Rosscarbery Meeting. Very happy to learn that Kilbrittain wouldn't be left without a resident priest though I didn't expect to be left here myself. Another happy surprise to be told by the bishop that I would be staying.

Thirdly, a visit from my Barrett cousins in Wales whose grandfather, one of my grandmother's brothers, had emigrated from Kilmichael. Another surprise since we had no trace of them for two generations. Thanks DNA and internet genealogy!

#### POPE BENEDICT XVI

RIP

1927 - 2022

With gratitude for a long and fruitful life we commend the immortal soul of Pope Benedict to God's mercy.

Despite his very noticeable humble disposition Joseph Ratzinger was one of the world's greatest intellectuals of the 20th Century. For his whole life his incisive mind served the church as a teacher who taught three generations of teachers. He wrote and spoke with clarity, always true to the Church's authentic message, which is based on scripture and the Apostolic tradition.

As Pontiff, Pope Benedict identified the greatest threat to the Church of the present day as, what he called, 'subjectivism'. What he meant by that was the practice whereby so many people were putting their own interpretation on Divine teaching, refusing to accept God's word on their behaviour and their guilt and instead deciding for themselves what is right or wrong, permissible or dangerous.

Despite Benedict's efforts to warn about this from the Chair of St Peter the church today is sickening from heresy, sickening from within, poisoned by some of the most eminent Churchmen as much as by poorly-informed laypeople.

As a soul in God's presence already, or as one awaiting his eternal reward, Benedict can intercede for his beloved and ailing Church. As we pray for Pope Benedict please include a plea for the triumph of truth and obedience to God's word.

*Fr Jerry*

#### Deciding to jump!

A boy asked his father, "Dad, if three frogs were sitting on a limb that hangs over a pool, and one frog decided to jump off into the pool, how many frogs would be left on the limb?" The dad replied, "Two."

"No," the son replied. "Here is the question again: There are three frogs, and one decided to jump, how many are left?"

The dad said, "Oh, I get the point! If one decided to jump, the others would too. So there are none left."

The boy said, "No dad, the answer is three. The frog only DECIDED to jump." — Does that sound like our last year's resolutions? Great inspiration and great resolutions, but oftentimes we only decide, and months later we are still on the same limb of doing nothing.



**To all my friends, parishioners, Bulletin readers and**

**Livestream viewers I wish a Holy and Happy New Year.**

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#### BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9:30 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

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