



Kilbrittain Parish

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CORPUS CHRISTI

The Body and Blood of Christ

Masses this Week

Monday

Morning Mass 9.00 am

Funeral Mass 12.00 noon

Tuesday NO MASS

Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.00 am

Saturday 10.00 am

NO Adoration this Monday

... Due to funeral Mass

Wednesday 2.00 to 8.00 pm

Corpus Christi Adoration

Adoration after the Procession, from 1.00 to 8.00 pm, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ladies Group Walk

Ladies group are meeting at the Abbey Timoleague for a walk at 7 pm on Monday next, 12th of June 2023. Tea and sandwiches afterwards at

8.30 pm in Charlie Maddens, Timoleague, price €8.50 per person

Parish Assembly

Nominations for the new Assembly closed last Monday morning with a very satisfactory total nominees. All will be contacted shortly.

Pop-Up Shop

A Pop-up Shop in aid of Marymount Hospice will be held in the Parish Hall from Jun 26th of approximately one week.

Anything you'd like to donate that could be sold to raise money for Marymount will be accepted in the Hall on 24th and 25th between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on both days.

Regretfully, no clothes, no shoes, no books.

Reverence for the Eucharist

Today's celebration focuses on the Gift of the Last Supper, the Gift of the Eucharist. Today's feast is meant to help us grow in the understanding of the Eucharist and in our reverence for this great sacrament. We certainly need this reminder. We have the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle behind our altar, but many times we ignore this Presence and treat the Church merely as a meeting place. We need to genuflect when we enter a pew and then spend a few moments in prayer, recognizing the One before whom we are kneeling.

There are many ways that the Lord is present. He is present in the beauties of nature, and in the smile of a baby. He is present where two or three are gathered together in His Name, and He is present in the Word of Scripture. But the greatest presence of the Lord possible for us on earth is the Real Presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

This is a day for us to reflect on what exactly happens at Mass. Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of the Lord. They do not symbolically become the Lord. They become the Lord. They do not signify the Lord. They *are* the Lord. At Mass, the substance of the bread and wine are changed, whereas the accidents, the appearance remains the same. In the Eucharist, the bread and wine looks like bread and wine, and it has all the physical qualities of bread and wine. If you were to look at a consecrated host in a microscope you would see molecules relative to bread, not human tissue or human blood, the accidents have not changed. But the substance has changed, it is now the Body and Blood of Christ. We pray in the creed, consubstantial with the Father, having the same substance.

But in the Eucharist the substance changes. The bread and wine become Jesus.

When we receive communion, we receive Jesus. When we approach the Eucharist, we need to do this in a reverential manner, focusing in on the One we are about to receive. We need to spend time praying to the Lord within us. Once the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, they remain the Body and Blood of Christ. That is why we reverence the Blessed Sacrament in our tabernacles. That is why we spend time before the Blessed Sacrament when we have Eucharistic Adoration.

The beliefs of other denominations are to be respected. The beliefs of those who do not acknowledge Christ are to be respected. But we are not respecting others if we hedge on our own faith. No, we need to be who we are. We are Catholics. We need to exult in that which makes us uniquely Catholic. We need to celebrate the Great, Awesome Gift of the Eucharist.

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord reminds us of whom we are, who is present in the tabernacles of our churches, and what we are doing when we receive communion.

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BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Mon 9:30 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

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>