



# Kilbrittain Parish

## Weekly Bulletin

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 Dec 2016

### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

#### Masses:

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 6.00 pm

Night Mass 9.00 pm

Christmas Day

Mass of the Nativity 10.30 am

Monday 26th to Sat 31st

Morning Mass 11.00 am

#### Confessions:

Before and after Masses this weekend.

Wed night (during adoration, in sacristy) from 7.00 pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat after morning Mass

Fri night 7.00 pm

Penance Service in Timoleague on Tue night at 8.00 pm

Confessions in Bandon on Christmas Eve from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

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#### Carol Service

Ecumenical Carol Service this Sunday, Dec 18th, at 7.00 pm in Kilbrittain

#### MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: 9.00 am

Tue: NO MASS

Wed, Thurs and Fri: 9.00 am

Sat: 10.00 am

#### Bambinelli Sunday

Last weekend's Masses featured a blessing for the figures of the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from your home cribs. Thank you for all your co-operation. Many people have remarked what a nice occasion it was.

#### St Vincent de Paul Society

The special second collection last weekend for the local St Vincent de Paul Conference brought in a very generous €1,720. The St Vincent de Paul Society wishes to express its gratitude.

#### Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina in Ardacrow, Thursday night at 8:00. All welcome. For more info please contact Sergio or Karon at 0870650253

#### Cancer Connect

(Transport to Cork Hospitals)  
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Cancer Connect is a free and flexible transport service, bringing passengers from West Cork for cancer treatments daily.

Email: [mail@frcremmin.com](mailto:mail@frcremmin.com)

Websites: [www.parish.kilbrittain.net](http://www.parish.kilbrittain.net)  
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#### BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Volunteers area asked to give about one day per month; this involves taking his/her own car, bringing a passenger to Cork and then home again. Cancer Connect will contribute towards the cost of fuel. If you, or anyone you know, might be available to join the team of if you would like further information, or wish to travel with us, contact Steve on 027-52727 or 087-1224404 or email [info@cancerconnect.ie](mailto:info@cancerconnect.ie)

### DISTRIBUTION OF SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES AND CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

Thanks to those who gave in their names to deliver the boxes of Sunday envelopes.

Distribution packs are available for collection now in the sacristy consisting of:

1. Box of envelopes;
2. Calendar;
3. Christmas Offering Envelope

Households who supplied a name on one or more of 2016 envelopes will receive the same numbered box again. Others will receive a random-numbered box and so may remain anonymous if they wish.

There are spare boxes in the sacristy if you don't have one delivered to you for any reason.

#### Focus on St Joseph

What is described in today's passage of the Gospel, it hardly needs saying, was a most extraordinary experience for Joseph. As a devout Jew, he had lived his life until then in the expectation of the coming of the Messiah, as all of his people did. How could he have possibly imagined, though, that he would play a central role in his appearance! His life – and that of his future wife – would be changed forever from this day forward. Yet, at the same time, the change probably went completely unnoticed by those around them. Joseph continued to be a carpenter, working day after day to support his family, and Mary kept her home in the simplicity and relative anonymity that characterized other Jewish wives and mothers of her time. The angel's announcement did change their lives, but it did not change the conditions in which they lived, it did not increase their wealth or raise their status in the synagogue or society.

The breaking of God into the everyday routine of this simple Jewish couple's life was both extraordinary and down-to-earth: extraordinary in its impact on their lives and on all of history; modest - even casual - however, in its outward expression.

Where we expect to find God in our lives is important therefore. If we wait for astonishing signs of his presence, we may miss a lot. If, however, we are attentive to what is going on inside, in the experience, we will have the opportunity to meet God over and over again in life. That's why Jesus can say, 'what you did to the least, you did to me'. The manner is ordinary, but the experience is exceptional.

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