



Kilbrittain Parish

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Feast of Mary the Mother of God

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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Friday next, 6th January. Vigil Mass Thurs at 8.00 pm; Mass of the Feast on Fri at 10.30 am.

Friday is also the First Friday of January.

MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday: BANK HOLIDAY 10.00 am

Tue: NO MASS

Wed and Thurs: 9.00 am

Sat: 10.00 am

Scout Treasure Hunt

The Scout Treasure Hunt is on this Sunday morning. Start time is 11.30 am. Last Car Out at 1.30 pm. Explore the countryside, but keep your eyes peeled.

Table Quiz

Table Quiz in the Pink Elephant Tue next, 3rd Jan at 9.00 pm. Tables €20. Monster raffle. Profits to Tidy Towns. All welcome. Support appreciated.

First Saturday Devotions

2017 marks the centenary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima on six successive months in 1917. Through the Legion of Mary we hope to mark this occasion in various ways throughout the year.

One of the requests Our Lady made was for special devotions on five successive First Saturdays. Her promise to those who completed this devotion was "I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in

order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary."

To facilitate those who wish to undertake this devotion during this year, on EVERY First Saturday of the year there will be confessions before Mass, with the Rosary being recited in public at the same time, while there will be 15 minutes of meditation after Mass. This will begin on next Saturday, the first Saturday of January.

The elements of this devotion, therefore, consist in the following four points, all of which must be offered in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **One should make this intention before carrying out Our Lady's requests. A renewal of the actual intention at the time is best; however, if such an intention is made now, it will fulfil the requirements if, for instance, the actual intention is forgotten at the time of confession.**

Confession: This confession can be made before the First Saturday or afterward, provided that Holy Communion be received in the state of grace. In 1926, Christ in a vision explained to Lucia that this confession could be made a week before or even more, and that it should be offered in reparation.

Holy Communion:

NOTE In this parish, permission is hereby

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BAPTISMS:

Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORA N:

Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

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given to postpone Holy Communion and other devotions until Sunday for just reasons in accordance with the conditions below.

Before receiving Holy Communion, it is likewise necessary to offer it in reparation to Our Lady. Our Lord told Lucia in 1930, "This Communion will be accepted on the following Sunday for just reasons, if my priests allow it so." So if work or school, sickness, or another just reason prevents the Communion on a First Saturday, with this permission it may be received the following Sunday. If Communion is transferred, any or all of the other acts of the devotion may also be performed on Sunday if the person so desires.

Rosary:

The Rosary is a vocal prayer said while meditating upon the mysteries of Our Lord's life and Passion and Our Lady's life. To comply with the request of our Blessed Mother, it must be offered in reparation and said properly while meditating.

15-minute meditation:

Also offered in reparation, the meditation may embrace one or more mysteries; it may include all, taken together or separately. This meditation should be the richest of any meditation, because Our Lady promised to be present when she said "...those who keep me company..."

Act of Reparation for the First Saturdays of the Month

O Most Holy Virgin, and Our Mother, we listen with grief to the complaints of your Immaculate Heart surrounded with the thorns placed therein at every moment by the blasphemies and ingratitude of ungrateful humanity. We are moved by the ardent desire of loving you as Our Mother and of promising a true devotion to Your Immaculate Heart.

We therefore kneel before You to manifest the sorrow we feel for the grievances that people cause You, and to atone by our prayers and sacrifices for the offences with which they return your love. Obtain for them and for us the pardon of so many sins. Hasten the conversion of sinners that they may love Jesus Christ and cease to offend the Lord, already so much offended. Turn your eyes of mercy toward us, that we may love God with all our heart on earth and enjoy Him forever in Heaven.

THE NINE FIRST FRIDAYS

The Great Promise of Jesus to Saint Margaret M. Alacoque

To all those who, during nine months on end, will receive Holy Communion on the first Fridays of every month.

I promise the Grace of final perseverance. They will not die in My disgrace, but will receive the Sacraments (if necessary), and My Heart will be sure shelter for them in that extreme moment.

The First Friday promises of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary :

1. I will give them all of the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their houses.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their strength during life and above all during death.
5. I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall grow fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place where a picture of my heart shall be set up and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant all to those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

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