



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

No 219

Second Sunday of Advent
GAUDETE SUNDAY

17Dec 2017

Masses This Week

Mon: 9.00 am
Tue: NO MASS
Wed, Thurs and Friday 9.00 am
Sat: 10.00 am

CAROL SERVICE

Interfaith Carol Service this Sunday, Dec 17th, at 7.00 pm Carol Service on the theme of the Family and Ancestry of Jesus as we look forward to the World Meeting of Families in Ireland 2018.

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Masses:
Christmas Eve (Sunday next): Children's Mass 6.00 pm; Night Mass 9.00 pm
Christmas Day: Mass of the Nativity 10.30 am
Tue 26th to Sat 30th: Morning Mass 11.00 am

CONFESSIONS

Kilbrittain
Before and after Masses this weekend.
Fri night from 7.00 pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat after morning Mass
Bandon
Sat 23rd: 10.00am to 1.00 pm

PENANCE SERVICES

Enniskeane Tue 7.30
Newcestown Wed 8.00
Bandon Thursday 7.,30

Sr Daniel Marie (Anna) McCarthy, America and late of Maryboro RIP

At this Sunday's Mass we will be celebrating with pride the life and work of our fellow-parishioner who dedicated her life to God and who died recently.

Lectio Divina

In Barleyfield each Thursday night in December at 8.00 pm. Contact Jim on 0868306312. All welcome.

Kilbrittain Historical Sociey

The journal of the Kilbrittain Historical Society is on sale at Hickey's and the post office at 10 euros. It would make a perfect Christmas gift for any local people - or those who wish they were! No Kilbrittain home should be without a copy of this limited edition record of Kilbrittain's fascinating heritage. Limited copies of last year's volume are also available in the post office. Happy Christmas From the Kilbrittain Historical Society!

Tidy Towns Calendar on Sale

The Kilbrittain Tidy Towns Calendar 2018 featuring photographs of the parish by local photographers is now available for sale in Hickeys Foodstore, The Post Office and The Creamery. Price €10.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The special second collection last weekend for the local St Vincent de Paul Conference brought in a very generous €893.10. The St

Websites: www.kilbrittain.org
www.frcremin.com

BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 9 to 1; Wed 2 to 8

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, KILBRITTAIN

Fr Jerry Cremin PP
Member of Irish Confraternity of Catholic Clergy
023-8849637 / 087-7857712
Email: mail@frcremin.com.

Vincent de Paul Society wishes to express its gratitude for this truly great collection which will be used to help the poor and needy in our area.

Rural Link Bus

Bus leaves the village every Friday morning at 10.00 am going to Bandon and returning at 2.15 pm. Anybody wishing to avail of this service contact Eileen Hayes (023-8849878)

Rural Lotto Results for 1st Dec

No winner. €50 Frank O'Mahony, Kilbrittain; €30 Jerry McCarthy, c/o Rural Link; €20 Sam Hayes, Kilbrittain. Next draw: Christmas draw on 20th December, Jackpot €6,000. Thanks to all for your continued support.

Puc Fada

The annual Puc Fada takes place on St Stephens Day morning with sign on from 10:30 to 12:00. Kilbrittain GAA would like to wish all parishioners a safe and happy Christmas.

Tractor Run

Annual Tractor Run in aid of Kilbrittain National School Autism Unit on Sun 31st December (New Year's Eve). Assembling in Kilbrittain village immediately after 10.30 Mass. Refreshments in the Hall for participants and spectators before and after the run.

Collection Envelopes.

Boxes of Sunday envelopes, together with Christmas Offering envelopes and parish calendar are ready for distribution now.

For 2018 we are including the Priest's collection envelopes (Spring and Autumn Dues and Easter and Christmas collection) in the Sunday boxes in order to avoid four deliveries during the year. This is an experimental measure and if there is a poor level of use of these envelopes we will go back to the brown envelopes again.

If you have put your name on your Sunday envelope anytime in the past two years you will be given the same envelope number as before. Also for the first time this year we are giving personally-addressed boxes to any household who identified themselves on any brown envelope. If you would prefer that your number not be identifiable, please take a random box from the church porch to instead.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is called in Latin Gaudete Sunday and in English Rejoice Sunday. The theme of joy is everywhere in the readings and prayers of our Advent Mass.

The very first words of our celebration, the Entrance Antiphon, insist on the command: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

The Entrance Antiphon tells us to rejoice because the Lord is near. The degree of our joy is directly related to our closeness to Jesus and to his closeness to us. There is a common saying which emphasises this truth - 'Joy is an infallible sign of the presence of God.'

So people who are closest to this person Jesus experience the greatest joy even if it is the crucified and suffering Jesus they are close to - it is still Jesus - and he still gives joy - even from the Cross. Joy transcends every pain and suffering, even death.

I read a humorous story on a web site about a famous preacher who was trying to teach his students to make their facial expressions harmonise with what they were speaking about. 'When you speak of heaven,' he said, 'let your face light up, let it be joyful and rejoicing.' Then he went on to say 'but when you speak of hell - well, then, then your ordinary face will do.'

So, certainly, we can be joyful in the midst of suffering and turmoil so long as we are close to Christ. This is the secret of the saints. They reached such a degree of closeness to their friend Jesus that suffering only increased their joy because it made it easier for them to identify with him.

<https://temporaryhomily.blogspot.ie/2008/12/3rd-sunday-of-advent-year-b.html>

Items for the Bulletin can be given or emailed to Denis and Margaret
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Deadline for receipt of submissions each week is Thurs night 9.00 pm.
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