



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 Dec 2017

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Masses:

Christmas Eve (Sunday):

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration for the next two weeks. Returning on Monday 8th January.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

Please take note! Don't forget the Puc Fada on St Stephens day, Sign in from 10:30 to 12:00 outside Crowleys Garage.

Lotto 10 - 17 - 30 - 31

Result: Jackpot €16,400.

numbers drawn were 10, 17, 30, 31. There was no winner. €40

winner were: Padraig & Ciara, Donal Desmond, Elanor & Sharon, David Quinlan, Micheal Coleman. 5 extra Christmas €40

winner were Tom Collins (Newcestown), Donal Hurley, Liz O'Brien, Kieran Madden, Tadgh O'Mahony. The jackpot for the next draw will be €16,500 and it will take place on Wednesday 27th.

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

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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.

Anam Cara Parent Evening

Anam Cara, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 3rd of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Clayton Hotel, Tivoli, Cork. Anam Cara Cork offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

Blood Donor Clinics Bandon

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donor clinic in The GAA Pavilion, Bandon on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 from 5pm to 8.30pm and on Wednesday 3rd January from 3pm to 5pm & 7pm to 9pm

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Mary is the archetype of someone who is able to give meaning to her time in waiting. Consider the moment just before she gave her "yes" to God through the Angel Gabriel's message. She sees the angelic visitation, and as surprised as she is, there is at least one moment where she is considering the message from God before she says "yes". Christ has not been incarnate yet. He is waiting for Mary's response. What was she doing just before she said "yes"? What was going on in her heart? How was she waiting for this visit, even if she didn't know that it would happen? That moment is a time of waiting that is pregnant with grace and meaning. It is a moment that is not quite Christmas, but is so close, having its own meaning, its own grace, its own value.

Advent is essentially a season of waiting. It is a season so close to Christmas, but it has its own meaning, its own grace, its own value. This Advent, God has desired to give each of us graces to prepare us to receive the incarnate Christ into our hearts. We wait for God Emmanuel to come among us as a child, born of Mary. When we are asked to wait, we can try to fill up that time with some plan or schedule that we make our own. But this would just be to lose sight of what God has in store for us by his divine plan. God wants to visit us at a time that is best for us, even if we don't know when that time will be, even if it comes to us unexpectedly. The proper response in moments of waiting is to have hope—hope that no matter how distant we are from God, it is the Lord himself who will come to visit us. And in the time before his arrival, we can wait, like Mary, with longing expectation.

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 online at <http://www.frcremin.com/news.html>