



Kilbrittain Parish

Weekly Bulletin

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First Sunday of Advent

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Next Saturday, 8th December. Vigil Mass Fri 8.00 pm. Mass of the Feast on Saturday at 10.30 am.

Other Masses This Week

Monday: 9.00 am
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday to Friday: 9.00 am

Children's Mass

Monthly Mass with children's liturgy and catechesis this Sunday 2nd Dec.

General Station

A General Station will be celebrated in Kilbrittain Church on next Monday, 3rd December at 8.00 for the Station Areas which have not hosted a Station this Spring. Spring Dues envelopes (white) are included in the box of offertory envelopes delivered at the end of last year. Thanks to those who have handed them in already.

Ardacrow and Cloundereen; Ballymore, Ballybeg, Knopogue; Barleyfield; Clashreagh, Killeens, Knockanroe, Hackettstown, Ballydonis and Currowrane; Coolmain and Granassig; Garrendruig; Glenduff, Granreigh and Glounavaud; Knockbrown and Baurleigh; Maryboro (Cloncalla Mor agus Beag); Ratharoon; Village

Children's Choir

Practice on Thursdays at 7.00 pm. Boys and girls from 1st to 6th Class are welcome to join

us in Kilbrittain church. For any questions contact Colette Bergin. Spread the word!

Carol Service

St Patrick's Church, Sunday Dec 16th at 800 pm

Ministers of the Word

New rota now available in sacristy.

Vincent de Paul Society

Our annual collection will be taken up at the Masses of Dec 8th and 9th. This is a worthy cause and your ongoing generosity every year at this time is greatly appreciated.

Remembrance Tree

Ribbons are available in the Post Office and the Creamery now for the traditional Christmas Remembrance Tree in the Grotto. Tree will be blessed and Village Christmas Lights switched on immediately after Vigil Mass next Sat, 8th Dec.

Kilbrittain Underage

We are holding a coffee morning/cake sale on this Sunday 2nd December in Kilbrittain Parish Hall after Mass. We will have a raffle and an Auction for a fabulous Christmas hamper (including a turkey). Your support would be greatly appreciated

History Journal Launch

Kilbrittain Historical Society are launching this

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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years Kilbrittain Historical Journal: Articles & Records From The Past 2018/19 Volume 4. The launch takes place this Saturday 1st of December in the Parish Hall at 8.45 pm directly after Mass. David Cowhig, son of the late Michael Joe Cowhig, Burren killed in the Tuskar Rock Air Tragedy, is launching the Journal. The book has many articles of local interest including an article on the rare stained glass of St. Patrick's Church, Kilbrittain. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome for what should be an enjoyable night.

Christmas Lights Bingo

Hosted by Kilbrittain Tidy Towns on Sun 9th December at 3.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

KILBRITTAIN GAA

Don't forget the AGM will be held on this Sunday afternoon at 2pm in the Parish Hall. **Lotto 14 - 16 - 17 - 32**
The €5,600 lotto jackpot was not won. €40 winners were David Desmond, Diane & Emmet Quinlan, Dan & Mgt Collins, Fehilly Family, Con Healy. Jackpot for this weekend will be €5,800

St Joseph's Young Priests Society Retreat.

Retreat to Moyross Woods Sunday 16th December 2.30 pm. There is no bus being run this year.

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Only the Innocent or the Repentant

Advent is a time for repentance, a time for Confession. If we believe God sent his Son into the world, we must also believe in the awful situation which made this wonderful gift necessary – the widespread surrender to sin and temptation. If we deny the need for God's forgiveness, we deny the need for the sacrifice which won us reconciliation and we deny the Saviour who gave himself in sacrifice.

Think about the world of the Old Testament. For centuries people lamented the sins of their own past and that of their family and country, with no way to undo the damage. Imagine their joy when Isaiah conveyed them the good news from God that he was going to send them a suffering servant who would take their sins upon himself. Compare Advent to the

subsequent eight hundred years of waiting, hoping, praying until finally Simeon, with the baby Jesus in his arms, could say 'my eyes have seen God's salvation'.

And yet, the world is still full of sin. All around us more and more people are turning their backs on God and on the Church. The name Jesus means 'Saviour', a name revered by those who grasp with gratitude the salvation he offers from sin and death, but a name heard most often in blasphemy on the lips of those who mock and hate him. But don't forget how this year an estimated fifty percent of Irish Catholics voted to enthrone blasphemy as a protected right under our constitution. That, of course, was only to be expected from the same estimated fifty percent of Irish Catholics who last May, with the stroke of a pen, had commissioned the indiscriminate slaughter of innocent unborn. The new year will probably see the first of these murders, to continue thereafter without limit of numbers or time, worse even than Herod when he, with a stroke of a pen, ordered the massacre of the innocents in Bethlehem or the beheading of John the Baptist. Remember how those stories horrified us when we first heard them as children? I'm sure they still horrify us at whatever age we are, but every mortal sin is just as horrific.

Advent, Christmas, means nothing except consumerism to us if we don't accept the need to prepare. There are only two ways of avoiding hell, innocence or repentance. We either manage not to sin at all or else we repent and accept God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. And as we prepare for the joy of the Christmas liturgies and ceremonies we must also bear in mind that we cannot receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin. If you're not innocent you must be repentant.

Fr Jerry

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