



Kilbrittain Parish Weekly Bulletin

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Second Sunday after Christmas

Feast of the Epiphany

Monday next, Jan 6th, a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass this Sunday night at 8.00 pm. Mass of the Feast Monday 10.30 am.

Daily Masses this week

NO MASS Tuesday
Wed, Thurs, Fri. 9.00 am.
Saturday 10.00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Resuming on next Wed, 8th January at 2.00 pm.

Collection Envelopes 2020

Displayed for picking up now, each accompanied by a set of brown envelopes for the Priest's Collections. Please take your own box and we're very grateful to those who go to

the extra effort of distributing sets to their townland or Station area. Don't forget to pick up a 2020 Parish Calendar also

Children's Mass

Monthly Child catechesis during Mass next Sunday, Jan 12th.

Church Cleaning Rota

New Rota up to October 2020 is now on the noticeboards. Copies available in the sacristy. Also online at www.kilbrittain.org

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 and archive since 2013 online at <http://www.kilbrittain.org>

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BAPTISMS:
Sat and 11.30 Sun or by arrangement.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Mon 9 to 1; Wed 8

During this earthly life, we will never be able to comprehend fully the mystery of Christmas. The idea of Jesus' two natures (divine and human) in one person does not make sense according to human logic.

One good reason why the Church, instead of quickly glossing over the feast of Christmas, asks us to reflect on its significance for at least eight days is the hope that the mystery of what has actually happened will impact on us and persuade us to change our lives radically. Otherwise, we would not be able to develop an appreciation of all that God has done for us so that we can attain salvation.

Today's gospel reading, which is commonly referred to as the prologue (that is, the introductory section) of John's Gospel, is the same gospel that was proclaimed during the Mass during the Day for the Feast of the Nativity. Thus we have another opportunity to reflect on that gospel's meaning and implications for Christian living. The essential message being communicated is that 'the Word was made flesh' and 'lived among us' (Jn 1:14). This is what is meant by the term Incarnation.

Incarnation literally means enfleshment. Specifically, according to the Christian revelation of God, it means that the Son of God, while remaining fully divine, became truly and fully human at a particular place and time in history. Of course, the Incarnation is not confined to the season of Christmas. It also includes

the conception, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

First, we are reminded that 'the Word was the true light that enlightens all people; and he was coming into the world' (Jn 1:9). This teaches us that only in Jesus can we find the true light that is God.

Secondly, we read that 'he [the Word] came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God' (Jn 1:11-12). God's grace is available to anyone who seeks the truth and not just the privileged Jewish race, God's Chosen People.

Thirdly, we are told that 'no one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known' (Jn 1:18). This makes it clear that Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation.

The importance of Christmas is that we are reminded, annually, about the most momentous event in human history: the Incarnation. The fact that God became human and lived, worked, taught, worked miracles, suffered and died among us on this earth, is an event in history that can never be surpassed. We are invited, therefore, to be full of joy at Christmas, and to proclaim our faith in God's wonderful love.

<https://www.catholicireland.net/sunday-homily/>