



KILBRITTAIN PARISH BULLETIN

16th and 17th May 2026

Ascension of the Lord

St Patrick's Church, Kilbrittain

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 7.00pm, Sunday 10.30am

Mass Intentions:

Recently deceased: Nelson Freitez Amaro

Saturday 7.00pm

Kathleen & John O'Regan, and their daughter, Mary, Rathroon

Anna Marie Walsh

Sunday 10.30am

Danny Hickey, Kilbrittain

We also pray for: John O'Driscoll; Patrick Upton; Florence & Mary McCarthy; Pat Deasy; Rita O'Driscoll; Jeremiah Quinn

To book an anniversary Mass, please call into the sacristy.

Visitation of sick and housebound can be organised by sending the Eircode to Fr Pontianus by text/call.

Weekday Masses Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9.00am. There will be Mass on **Wednesday** at 8pm in **Rathclaren Cemetery**.

Adoration Monday, Rosary at 9am, followed by Adoration to 1pm; Wednesday 2 – 8pm

Young at Heart meets every Thursday at 2.45 in the hall. New members are always welcome.

Konck Shrine There will be a bus leaving from Kilbrittain on Saturday, 20th June at 8am, travelling to Knock Shrine, staying overnight and returning on Sunday afternoon, 21st. Cost is €205, all inclusive. For details and booking, contact Julia Slyne on 023-8839331 or 086-3681815.

Rosary will be recited at the Grotto every Monday at 7.30pm for the month of May – everyone is welcome.

Cemetery Masses – dates for your diary: Rathclaren: Wednesday, 20th May, 8pm; Clashavanna: Wednesday, 17th June, 8pm; Currarane: Wednesday, 15th July, 8pm; Kilbrittain: 14th August.

New website launched! We're delighted that the new Parish website has been launched. Find us at www.kilbrittainparish.ie - This is an evolving project, and we'd be delighted to receive your feedback on what you'd like to see here.

Kilbrittain GAA News Lotto Draw 10/05/26 – Numbers drawn: 02, 12, 20, 32– No Winner. €30 spot prizes: Tim Joe O'Brien; Philip Crowley; Martina O'Mahony; Pat & Kay Lawton; Karen Casey/Mary Coughlan. Next draw live on Facebook this weekend – Jackpot €5,800.

Congratulations to children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 16th May

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.
You're a special friend to me.
Welcome, Lord Jesus, o welcome.
Thank you for coming to me.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, o thank you
for giving yourself to me.
Make me strong to show your love
wherever I may be.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask you to stay close by me forever
and love me, I pray.
Bless all of us children in your loving care
and bring us to heaven to live with you there.

I'm ready now, Lord Jesus,
To show how much I care.
I'm ready now to give your love
at home and everywhere. Amen.



The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of our lives This week is special for us as a community as we celebrate Mass and administer First Holy Communion to 26 of our children in Kilbrittain National school. This celebration is not only a blind rite of Christian initiation for these children but more importantly a public profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and the deliberate passing of that faith to these children.

The Eucharist from the Greek word Eucharistein...“thanksgiving” highlights the central message of every Christian gathering namely, our thanksgiving to God for the gift of life in Christ Jesus (I Cor 6:20). As within this celebration, we acknowledge every special blessing and favour the lord has shown us. Amongst these many blessings we return thanks for the gift of our children and in turn bring them before the lord who loves them as they are. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that at the last supper on the night he was betrayed our saviour instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again. This sacrament is the memorial of his death and resurrection, an event that brought grace and redemption to humanity. It is the sacrament of his love, a sign of our unity, a bone of charity for all believers and a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us (CCC 1323).

This is why this sacrament is described as the source and summit of the Christian life because in the Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the church, namely Christ himself. The Eucharist is the divine life and unity of the people of God by which the church is kept in being. It is the combination of God's action of sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship we offer to Christ and through him to the father in the Holy Spirit. It is our ardent wish and prayer today that these young brothers and sisters of ours may grow in faith and deepen their faith in Jesus Christ the source and summit of our faith (Heb12:2)

Fr Pontianus Jaffla

Notices for bulletin can be emailed to assembly@kilbrittainparish.ie, submitted through the website, or passed to the sacristy by **Thursday, 6pm**