



Bandon Parish Bulletin

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First Sunday of Advent

PASTORAL AREA NEWS

The Priests of the Parishes of Bandon, Enniskeane, Newcestown and Kilbrittain have invited a number of people to step in, in the event of a priest becoming ill or being unavailable at short notice for weekend Masses.

This group of people have been trained to step in

- To inform the congregation gathered where the next available mass will be celebrated.
- Facilitate the congregation present with the Liturgy of the Word and the reception of Holy Communion.

FUNERAL TEAM

Recently a number of people have been asked to assist the priest at the time of a funeral in reading the Word of God and praying the Prayers of the Faithful on the reception of remains into the Church.

The members of the Funeral Team will be commissioned at the 10.30am Mass this weekend.

ADVENT CELEBRATION ‘*COME TO THE MANGER*’

Will take place today Sunday December 3rd at 7.30pm in St Patrick’s church.

Please join us as we journey from Mary’s invitation from the Angel Gabriel to the Shepherds setting out on their journey to the Manger.

Produced by Sr. Alphonsus featuring Parish choirs, soloists and musicians along with a wonderful cast of local Parishioners.

FIRST READING

Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19

**R. God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: 'Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday next 8th December is the Feast Day of The Immaculate Conception and is a Church Holiday. Mass times will be as follows:

<i>Thursday 7th</i>	Vigil Mass 6.00pm
<i>Friday 8th</i>	9.00am Mass in Gaggin
	12.00noon Mass
	7.30pm Mass

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

During Advent the weekly Saturday Confessions will be heard at the earlier time of 10.00am. On Saturday 23rd December confessions will be heard from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS DINNER Tuesday 12th December in the Munster Arms Hotel at 7.30pm. A wonderful evening to enjoy. Dinner followed by Music, Dancing & Entertainment. Tickets €10 available from St Michael's Centre & Haven Pharmacy (Scannell's) Riverview Shopping Centre.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE Friday 15th December in our Parish Church! New members over 16 years welcome. Should you be interested, please contact Joan Barry at 087 233 0109.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Will take place in St Peter's Church, Bandon on Saturday December 9th at 8pm. The Concert will feature performances from Glaslinn Choir (plus choristers from various other choirs), Castletown Church Choir, Bandon Concert Band, instrumental ensembles from Cork ETB School of Music and choral groups from Kilbrittain.

CORK SIMON COMMUNITY The annual collection will be at Masses on the 9th & 10th of December next. Toiletries and small clothing items i.e. Hats, Gloves, Socks etc in good condition would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

THE PRO LIFE GROUP Will meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 5th December at 8pm. New members are very welcome.

GAGGIN HALL FIELD COMMITTEE Are hosting a complimentary coffee morning on Sunday 3rd December after 9 o'clock mass in Gaggin Hall. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS ROOM EVENT A special Christmas Room Event will take place at Brothers of Charity St Patrick's Upton, Innishannon on Friday 15th December. Supported by DJ Murphy of Bandon Garden Centre and Bandon Co-Op, the extensive specially decorated areas will be open for visitors from 10.30am to 8pm, seasonal refreshments will be served. Admission is free and donations will be accepted for Friends of the Watergate Centre, Bandon and St Patrick's Upton.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL Saturday 9th December from 11am to 1pm & Sunday 10th December 11am to 6pm. Raffles, crafts, jams, plants & refreshments. All proceeds to Allin Institute Renovation Project.

COFFEE MORNING Parish Centre on Saturday 9th December 10am-12.30pm in aid of St Joseph's Young Priests Society. Everyone is welcome.

BANDON CHRISTMAS COAL FUND ANNUAL COLLECTION Will take place in Bandon and Gaggin this weekend Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December. Applications for fuel allocation should be made by Friday December 8th. Letter of application should be placed in Sacristy Letterbox or in the Saint Vincent De Paul Box in our Weir Street Shop.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (BANDON) The closing date for those seeking help this Christmas is Friday 8th December. Applicants should include Name, Address and Telephone Number when applying. Please place application letter in either SVP Box at the back of St Patrick's Church or in the box in our shop at Weir Street.

THE OPINION Christmas Annual is out on Thursday next, December 7th.

BANDON CARDIAC SUPPORT GROUP Meet in the Town Hall, Bandon on the first Tuesday each month. Next meeting 5th December from 2.30-4pm. Our aim is to give advice, encouragement & support to patients. Spouses and partners are welcome to attend.