

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent –Year C

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Gospel Reflections Slow Waiting Donal Neary SJ

The four weeks of Advent are a slow wait: one candle this week, the empty crib. With **M**ary and **J**oseph we wait for **C**hrist. The candles light the way for them - and for us, one each week of Advent.

Christmas should come quickly - the message of the ads. We could be excused for thinking it is nearly over. The Christmas parties are well under way. Some dinners for the elderly have been held already. The carols have been playing for weeks now. The best waiting, like waiting for birth, is slow. Parents wonder about their child - who will he/she be like? The mother needs support and love; the children look forward to another baby; grandparents wait in pride. Even when the family situation is limited, we wait in joy and hope for the child - like **M**ary and **J**oseph, **E**lizabeth and **Z**echariah and all the bible parents who waited, often for many years.

How is my faith this year from last year? And what would I be asking for?

Would I promise anything to help me wait actively for **J**esus

~Mass more often than Sunday,~ the Angelus every day,

~to read the gospel each day,~to be kinder and more just,

~ to care for the poor and needy at home or away in war torn or climate challenged countries.

Let my Advent bring me closer to **G**od and effect for the best the lives of those close to me. If we wait in faith and in hope, then everything, even the carols being sung and the celebrations begun too early, can remind us of the **G**od who is coming soon in **J**esus **C**hrist, to be born of **M**ary.

Mary, may I wait with you in joy, reflection, patience and hope.



PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	John O'Brien	Robert & Annette Salley (A) Billy Rooney (Remembrance) Robert Lawlor (RD) Patrick Redmond (A)
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM		
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Liam Staunton (MM) Fr. Tony Scully	Johnny Lott (A), Michael Doyle, John Doyle, Daniel Slattery
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM		

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH 24th November 2024

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 175
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €1035
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 517

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

PSALM: 125

SECOND READING: 1Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6



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*The Rosary
continues every Friday
morning in St Mary's
Church, Barndarrig at 10am.
Everybody is very
welcome to join us for some
beautiful time out while
sharing the Rosary with one
another.*

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



Baptism Meeting - De La Salle Centre at 8pm on Thursday 12th December

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Ashford:** 1st Friday after Mass
- Wicklow:** Mondays and Thursdays after Mass
- Kilbride:** 1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)
- Brittas Bay:** Tuesdays at 9am



KILMANTIN ART GALLERY CHRISTMAS ART EXHIBITION

30 NOV - 01 DEC 2024

DE LA SALLE PASTORAL
CENTRE, CHURCH
GROUNDS, ST PATRICKS
RD, WICKLOW, A67 FX65

GREAT COLLECTION OF
AFFORDABLE ART BY
LOCAL ARTISTS

11.00 TO 4.00 PM

TEA & COFFEE

St. Mantan Pastoral Area Funeral Team Ministry

A meeting for all the individual parish funeral team and funeral team leader members will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Wicklow to refresh what we do as a funeral team member at a funeral Mass and to develop a parish strategy for the years 2025-2027 as the next step of our Building Hope in terms of what service our funeral team leaders can offer by means of prayers in the funeral home, home, at the graveside etc. in the absence of a priest. We hope that as many as possible will attend.



KILBRIDE / BARNDARRIG / BRITTAS BAY /
REDCROSS AREA

Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party

When: Saturday 07th of December 2024

What time: 1.30 P.M.

Where: Jack White's Bar & Restaurant

Who: All Members of the Barndarrig,
Brittas Bay, Kilbride and Redcross
community

For more Information

contact: Andy- 087 238 2695 /
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Advent Prayer Service

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus , the area pastoral parish council invites you to an Advent Prayer Service which will take place on **Tuesday 10th December at 7.00pm in St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride.**

It is an opportunity for us to reflect on how well prepared we are, not only to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas, but to live the kind of life we are meant to live, loving one another as much as we are loved.

This invitation is extended to all parishioners, but in particular children and young adults in our respective parishes.



Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....
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It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

-Pope Benedict XVI