

# KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent –Year C

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### *Gospel Reflections Advent Reminds Us God is Near Donal Neary SJ*

A poet wrote: "*when I am an old woman I shall wear purple*", to remind her that life can be different day by day or that she might be personally noticed and change her life. This time of the year the Church wears purple and we remind ourselves that **J**esus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives.

The gospel from **J**ohn the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret - our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas, and take this on the spiritual level and well as the ordinary. **A**ll of the weeks of **A**dvent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings of the coming year. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of **A**dvent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation - like when we dress in the football team's colours early in the morning to look forward to a match.

If we take time for the spiritual preparation with soe prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God... trees, lights, carols, parties, Santa hats, cards, gift-buying - all reminders that God is near.

*Give us this day our daily bread and daily truth, Lord God.*



## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
<b>SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b>	Robert & Annette Salley (A) Billy Rooney (Remembrance) Robert Lawlor (RD) Patrick Redmond (A)	Michael Redmond, Fr. Raphael Cleary, Mary Byrne (A)
<b>SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>		Kay Dowling (A)
<b>SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>	Johnny Lott (A), Michael Doyle, John Doyle, Daniel Slattery	Maureen Byrne (A)
<b>WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>		

## KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH 1st December 2024

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 200  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 395  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 158

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)

**FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

**PSALM: Isaiah 12**

**SECOND READING: 1Philippians 4:4-7**

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18**



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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



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The feast day will be celebrated on **Monday, 9th December**. It is not a holy day. The Masses for the day are as follows:

Wicklow	10.00am
Ashford	10.00am
Rathnew	7.00pm
Barndarrig	7.30pm



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**The Annual Christmas  
Vincent de Paul  
Collection will take place  
at all Masses this weekend  
– 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December.  
Donations may also be left  
in the Parish Office.**

The Annual Mass for the Bereaved took place in Barndarrig on November 26<sup>th</sup>. There are thanks due to many people who contributed to making it a success.

The parish office in Wicklow who helped in every way particularly Debbie who created the beautiful booklet and to Mark who produced the named candles.

The combined choir of Barndarrig and Brittas Bay singers who filled the church with music.

A special thanks to Jennifer, Kevin and the St Mary's Parish Team for their practical preparation of the church. They also decorated the church - the altar was a vision including Kevin's wood sculpture and candle which has been lit during the month of November for all our dead. The photographic montage of the deceased parishioners was very thoughtful. A special word of thanks to our reader, Lauren and to our altar server, Kate.

Thank you to the Members of the Pastoral Council who worked so well together to organise the beautiful ceremony. Each one of them worked to their own individual talents.

Thank you to Fr Duffy for his thoughtful celebration of the Mass. Thank you to Fr Duffy and Fr Deegan for the support they have given to bereaved families in the parish.

Thank you to Bereaved Families who participated in many ways but most importantly by coming.  
*Kilbride, Barndarrig and Brittas Bay Pastoral Council*

*Thank You!*

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

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