

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

RCN 20016166



Gospel Reflections for the Year of Mark - Donal Neary

Weeks of Mercy

There's a family expectancy on the air about Christmas, people looking forward to the celebration just now. Even if we dread bits of Christmas, and many do, we know that there is something very good about it. We look forward to it, as we look forward to the visit of someone we love, or a holiday afterwards, or the break from work.

The people at Jesus' time were like that – looking forward to the 'one who is to come' It would all take time, and the last of the messengers was John the Baptist. His mother would await his birth with huge expectation.

He preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness, that we do not have to carry forever the burden of sin, meanness and our faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy. The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life – to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy. It is a call and a challenge to forgive others.

Advent is not complete without some admission of sin and our need for mercy. The parish celebrations of the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) in common or individually is step which makes our celebration of Christmas complete.

***For this week: say the angelus on waking,
at noon and at 6 p.m.***

***May our good and gracious God have mercy on us all,
forgive us our sins***

and lead us to everlasting life together. Amen.



PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is located in the De La Salle Pastoral Centre and is open Monday through to Friday from 10am till 12.30 pm for all general parish enquiries, to book masses, to arrange baptisms / weddings bookings, certificates, to drop in envelopes, buy mass cards etc.

We would be very happy to help you - in person or on the phone.

The contact number is 61699.

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Patrick Redmond	Ann Molloy - 1st Anniversary Michael Redmond Fr Raphael Clancy CC
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Special Intention	Kay Dowling
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Johnny Lott	Bridie Burke MM, Jim Burke Valerie O Reilly (nee Hughes) 1st Anniversary, Anne & Johnny Lott, Maureen Byrne, Ellen Lott Catherine Staunton, DM of Burke & Quinn families
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Mary Byrne	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

3rd December 2023

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION	- goes towards maintaining our parish	-	€115
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND	- pays salaries of Priests of Diocese	-	€390
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE	- goes towards diocesan administration	-	€250

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm : 84

Second :2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel : Mark1: 1-8

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Star of the Sea, Church, Brittas Bay

*Tuesday mornings from 9.00am till 10.00am
All are very welcome to attend.*



Society of St Vincent de Paul

*The Wonder
Christmas*



This year's Annual Appeal is focused on providing help to struggling parents who wonder how they will provide a Happy Christmas for their families. The campaign is entitled "*The Wonder of Christmas*" and subtitled "*Will we have Christmas at all*".

The Annual Christmas collection for the St Vincent De Paul will be held this weekend the 9th/10th December - it will replace the normal SHARE collection in all Churches. Your support for the Society is always very much appreciated but especially at this time of year with so many needy cases all around us.

Any notices for the newsletter need to be with the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 17th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.

This has become a very popular part of our Christmas schedule and is a lovely way to lead into Christmas week.

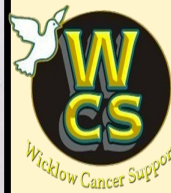
Our Hospitality Group will be on hand in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre with the mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

Why not take a little time out and join us?

Everybody is very welcome!

Any parents who wish to have a child baptised are asked to attend an introductory meeting before booking a date for the baptism. At this meeting you will be given all the necessary information about the Sacrament of Baptism and the commitment required of the parents who request it for their child. The next meeting will be on

THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY
AT 8PM IN THE
DE LA SALLE PARISH CENTRE



Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street,
Wicklow

*Have you, or a family member,
been diagnosed with Cancer?*

We're here to help!

Phone 0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Our office is open Mon-Fri from
10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

Advent Scripture

Christmas is coming!

It can be a very busy time. So, you are invited to come to a 'mini' Advent Retreat on Wednesday evenings to prepare for this wonderful feast of the birth of Jesus. There will be time to reflect on the beautiful Advent Gospels quietly & mindfully.

When: During the four Wednesdays of Advent, Nov 29th, Dec 6th, 13th & 20th

Where: Meditation Room, Dominican Ecology Centre

Time: from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Finishing with a chat & cuppa for those who wish - all are very welcome.

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.....

Be so completely
yourself that everyone
else feels safe to be
themselves too