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**THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER**  
**AT 8PM IN THE**  
**DE LA SALLE PARISH CENTRE**

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

# 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.....

## One day it just clicks.

You realize what's important and what isn't. You learn to care less about what other people think of you and more about what you think of yourself. You realize how far you've come and you remember when you thought things were such a mess that you would never recover. And you smile. You smile because you are truly proud of yourself and the person you've fought to become.

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**KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY**

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

**3rd December 2023**

**First Sunday of Advent Year B**

**RCN 20016166**



**Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew - Donal Neary**

## The Invitation

I like these words of the late Cardinal Hume: "There are times when I can visualize Our Lord at the break of day standing by my bed and saying: "Get up, follow me." Whether I am conscious of it or not, in effect that invitation, that loving but insistent command, is given to me every day. Each new morning is the opportunity to start again. Yesterday there may have been inadequacies and failures but today Christ renews his call: "Follow me. I have chosen you. I need you." Who can fail to respond to the thought that God needs our willing collaboration."

We are carers of creation and of his people. Take this seriously, it is our world. God has made himself so vulnerable and this gospel reading is just before the passion. An area or parish improves if enough people do something. We look at areas in a locality which are now clean of drugs, more prosperous and just. This has been the work of people co-creating the world with God. Making it a better place. Doing the world a world of good.

Gospel today says – Don't give up. God is always near! Live in hope and preparation. Stay awake to the season – the ways we can deepen and grow in our faith - maybe do a retreat, do something good for others with your time or finance, notice God in the events of the next few weeks, pray a bit every day, make time to be awakened to the centre of our world who is God, and to his central action in creating the world each day, sending Jesus Christ his Son.



**A question for the first week of Advent:**

**How can I help someone today?**

**Lord, send me, use me, create me for your work in the world.**

## 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<br>BARNDARRIG 7.30PM | Robert & Annette Salley<br>Billy Rooney | Patrick Redmond       |
| SUNDAY<br>KILBRIDE 9.00AM     | Special Intention                       |                       |
| SUNDAY<br>BRITTAS BAY 12Noon  | Michael Doyle & his son John            | Johnny Lott           |
| WEDNESDAY<br>BARNDARRIG 10AM  | Paddy Cullen RD                         |                       |
| FRIDAY<br>BARNDARRIG 10AM     | Nuala Staunton RD                       |                       |

**KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH**  
**26th November 2023**

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €105  
 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €435  
 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - €235

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

**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)

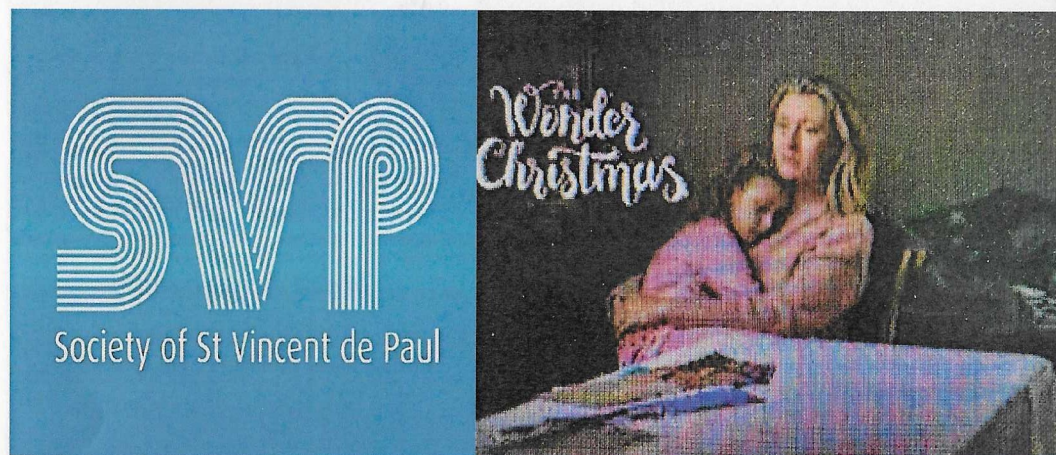
**First Reading : Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**  
**Psalm : 84**  
**Second :2 Peter 3:8-14**  
**Gospel : Mark1: 1-8**

*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.*



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 on the weekend of 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.

*Thank You to all our Volunteers!*  
*As we celebrate*  
**National Volunteer Day**  
*on Tuesday 5th December*

*We want to thank all the volunteers in all the churches, who continuously lend a hand and work so hard to make our parishes so vibrant and welcoming.*

*"Volunteers aren't paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!"*

**THANK YOU FOR BUILDING HOPE IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.**

**8th December**  
**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**THURSDAY 7th - VIGIL MASSES**  
 St Patrick's Wicklow at 7.00pm  
 St Mary's Barndarrig at 7.30pm  
 St Joseph's Glenealy at 7.30pm

**FRIDAY 8th - DAILY MASSES**  
 St Patrick's Wicklow at 10.00am  
 St Joseph's Rathnew at 7.00pm  
 Most Holy Rosary Ashford at 10.00am

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