

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

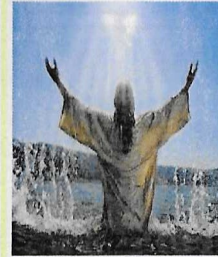
Our office is open Mon-Fri from
10.00 -1.00 and 2.00-5.00

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th January 2023

RCN 20016166



*Fr Donal Neary, S.J ~Gospel Reflections for the
Year B.*

New Energy

Jesus' baptism by John was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him, the Spirit who had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would be with Jesus at his last moments on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. This feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus knows he is the beloved son; from eternity and into time.

The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us, to help us to forgive and to persevere in doing good.

This is a feast about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever, sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Can we be people open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, and being really fully the individuals we can be?

*Recall your baptism: imagine water being poured over you,
and allow this love of God fill you today.
Lord, thank you for the gift of Baptism.*

PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times

**Monday - Friday:
10am – 12.30pm**

For all enquires and bookings

WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

UNIT 2, FIRST FLOOR,
REAR OF BOOTS PHARMACY ABBEY
STREET, WICKLOW

0404 32696 OR 086 821 6694

WE ARE A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION
SET UP OVER TEN YEARS AGO TO
ASSIST THOSE HAVING TREATMENT
FOR CANCER IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE

WE HAVE VARIOUS OTHER SERVICES
AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT
US.

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

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.....

NUBIA GROUP

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes.
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people
and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE & JOY
To you for the year ahead.

Happy New Year!

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Nubia_group/

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, enquiries, 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	Special Intention	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Tom Delahunt	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Sheena Staunton	
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Special Intention <i>No Mass</i>	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH
31st December 2023

- ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 80
- 1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €875
- 2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - €470

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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Psalm: 39

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

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



*Tuesday mornings from
9.00am till 10.00am*

*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.*

The Pope's Intention for January

For the gift of Diversity in the Church
We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of
different charisms within the Christian community and to
discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the
Catholic Church



WHAT ARE THE MASS COLLECTIONS FOR?

THE FIRST COLLECTION/COMMON FUND

The First Collection is also known as the Common Fund. This was set up years ago in order that all priests got a fair share of the collection regardless of the size or wealth of the parish that they are working in. It also supports the priests of the Diocese, who are sick and retired. Christmas/Easter & Summer Dues are lodged directly into this fund. This fund has been declining over the past few years which means that priests incomes have also been declining.

THE SECOND COLLECTION/ SHARE

The Share Collection is for the Diocesan building fund which helps to subsidise projects in some very poor parishes. It gives financial assistance to parishes who wouldn't have the necessary income to maintain their buildings. It also funds the central services of the diocese which looks after 199 parishes. The money for this collection is also lodged directly to the Diocese.

**THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER /
PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION**

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish as well as maintaining the Churches, our Parish Centre and the Priests houses. You may contribute to the Parish by weekly envelope, Direct Debit/Standing order or annual donation. If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699.

TAX RELIEF SCHEME

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any recorded contributions of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.
As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received will be treated with the of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the Dues and Family Offering, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor. Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. It is totally confidential.

Please note that cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections.

A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CFY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.