

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Advent Year A

7th December 2025

Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ The Straight Way

Before motorways a journey took ages, with many twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight.

John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions.

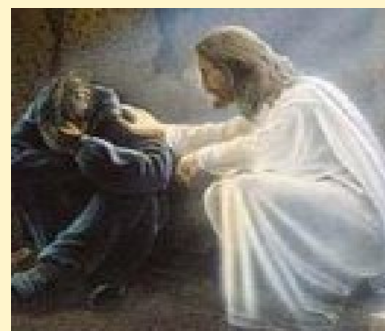
John the Baptist was a man on a mission - *to be the messenger of the one he did not know. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world.*

John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would take him.

The human heart is complicated and we know that. We all need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it.

God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide:

no name-calling,
no bringing of the axe to the tree,
but call-ing each of us his friend, and
nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down.



Our hearts can be melted at Christmas time by the love of God and love of others, if we can just thaw out. Think of, or remember a past Christmas time when you made a decision to allow Jesus do this for you again - maybe it is time to try again this year!

Lord Jesus, this year, arm our hearts to be like yours

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Patrick Redmond (A)	Fr Raphael Conroy
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Special Intention	Kay Dowling (A)
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Johnny Lott (A)	
MONDAY 8TH DEC BARNDARRIG 10AM Feast of the Immaculate	Tony Coyne R.D	
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Paddy, Margaret & Anne Nolan	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

30th November 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - **€85**
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - **€744**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE- goes towards Diocesan Administration **€375**

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35: 1 - 6:10

PSALM: Ps 145: 6 – 10

SECOND READING: James 5: 7 - 10

GOSPEL: Matthew 11: 2 - 11

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: Thursdays at 9am





Brittas Bay N.S. Carol Service



Our school carol service will take place on **Wednesday 17th December at 9.15am in Star of the Sea church, Brittas Bay.**

We look forward to a lovely school community event and all are welcome.



NO BAPTISM MEETING IN DECEMBER



Advent Reflection

Reflecting on the beautiful Advent Gospels

Where? An Taireseach (Dominican Ecology Centre)

When? 1. Wednesday November 26th

2. Wednesday December 3rd

3. Wednesday December 10th

4. Wednesday December 17th

What Time? 7:30pm - 8:40pm

Optional 'cuppa' after it with delicious homeade
biscuits

The Annual Mass for the Bereaved

took place in Our Lady , Star of the Sea, Brittas Bay on November 25th . Thank you to Fr Deegan , who gave a wise homily , and Fr Duffy . Thank you to the Brittas Bay Singers who provided beautiful music . The Bethany Group for their supportive presence . Thank you to the team who contributed to the occasion - Ann, Anne, Catherine, Columban Sisters , Debbie, Ellen, Eoin, Eugene, Hugh, Jennifer, Karen, Kate, Kevin, Lauren, Mark, Paddy, Padraig, Parish Office, Paul, Sarah, Siobhan B., and Siobhan F. It was a true partnership ! Most of all thank you to the people who came. We hope the occasion brought you comfort

Kilbride, Barndarrig, Britas Bay and Wicklow Pastoral Council

Carols for Advent

There will be carols for Advent taking place on 14th December at 3pm in St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride

St. Mantan's Partnership of Parishes
invites you to:

An Advent Message of Hope



Wednesday 10th December
7.30p.m.
St. Patrick's Church,
Wicklow Town,
A67 AE37

BRITTAS BAY MUSIC ACADEMY
Presents

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
&
TUNES

Star of the Sea church



Your contribution to the Church is your
appreciation for your parish.

If you would like to become a regular
supporter to the Parish, please fill in this slip
and return to the Parish Office or Sacristy

Name.....

Contact Number.....

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"Advent is a time of waiting
for our Lord, who will visit
us all in our own hearts.
The Lord is coming!
Let us wait for him!"

POPE FRANCIS

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