

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

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Third Sunday of Advent Year A

14th December 2025

Donal Nerry S.J. Gospel Reflection ~Good news of God

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that **Jesus** was a different type of **Christ** or **Messiah** from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed and practiced what he taught. But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that **Jesus** would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others.

John preached repentance for sin; **Jesus** preached the coming of the kingdom. The blind would see, and the lame would walk - these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

The late **Pope Francis** says:

'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something. Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections.

We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us -

happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.



Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and help me to share this good news in word and deed with all whom I meet these waiting days

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

| | THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER | NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER |
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| SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM | Fr Raphael Conroy | Michael Redmond (A) Jim Hamilton |
| SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM | Kay Dowling (A) | |
| SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon | Joe Tynan R.D | Ellen Lott Catherine Staunton Johnny & Anne Lott Maureen Byrne |
| WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM | Maureen Gallagher | |

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

7th December 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - **€180**
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - **€617**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€**

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7: 10 - 14

PSALM: Ps 23: 1 - 6

SECOND READING: Romans 1: 1-7

GOSPEL: Matthew 1: 18 -24

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 homemade biscuits

**AN TAIRSEACH
SOLAS**

Winter Solstice Ceremony

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 6.30PM TO 9PM

• REST • RESTORE • REPLENISH •
SONG • SOUND HEALING • PRAYER

Homemade organic soup & soda bread on arrival

A cosy evening of communal ritual hosted in our beautiful chapel



Tickets: €20 Booking Essential
0404 61833 info@antairseach.ie www.antairseach.ie

Accommodation available on request

PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.



#HaveYourSay

about your local Catholic school

Participate before 16 December 2025 in the Department of Education and Youth's #PrimarySchoolSurvey



www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/

 CATHOLIC EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP



BRITTAS BAY MUSIC ACADEMY
Presents

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & TUNES

Star of the Sea church

Brittas Bay, Thursday 18th December - 7pm

Proceeds to Society of St. Vincent de Paul



De La Salle Parish Office

Will close on Friday 19th December at 12.30pm and re-opens on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 10am.

Wishing all our clients a very happy and peaceful Christmas and new year.