

# KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

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Third Sunday of Advent -Year C

*Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday*  
**15th December 2024**



### *Gospel Reflections* **Brings Out Our Best** *Donal Neary SJ*

This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary ~ don't overcharge, ~ share your surplus with the needy ~ and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'.

Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help.

Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others.

Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights - education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom.

The Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that God who meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life. The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

*Come, Lord Jesus, child of the earth, child of God.  
Come into our world of joy and sorrow.  
Stay with us always,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
<b>SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b>	<b>Michael Redmond, Fr. Raphael Clancy, Mary Byrne (A)</b>	
<b>SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>	<b>Kay Dowling (A) Michael Doyle (A)</b>	
<b>SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>	<b>Maureen Byrne (A) Anne Fitzpatrick &amp; her daughter Kathleen McDonald</b>	<b>Catherine Staunton, Ellen Lott, Johnny &amp; Anne Lott</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	

## KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

### 8th December 2024

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 120  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 360  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 0

*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: Micah 5:1-4**

**PSALM: 79**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10**

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-44**



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*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.*

# Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



## 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: Tuesdays at 9am

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE BY CANDLELIGHT

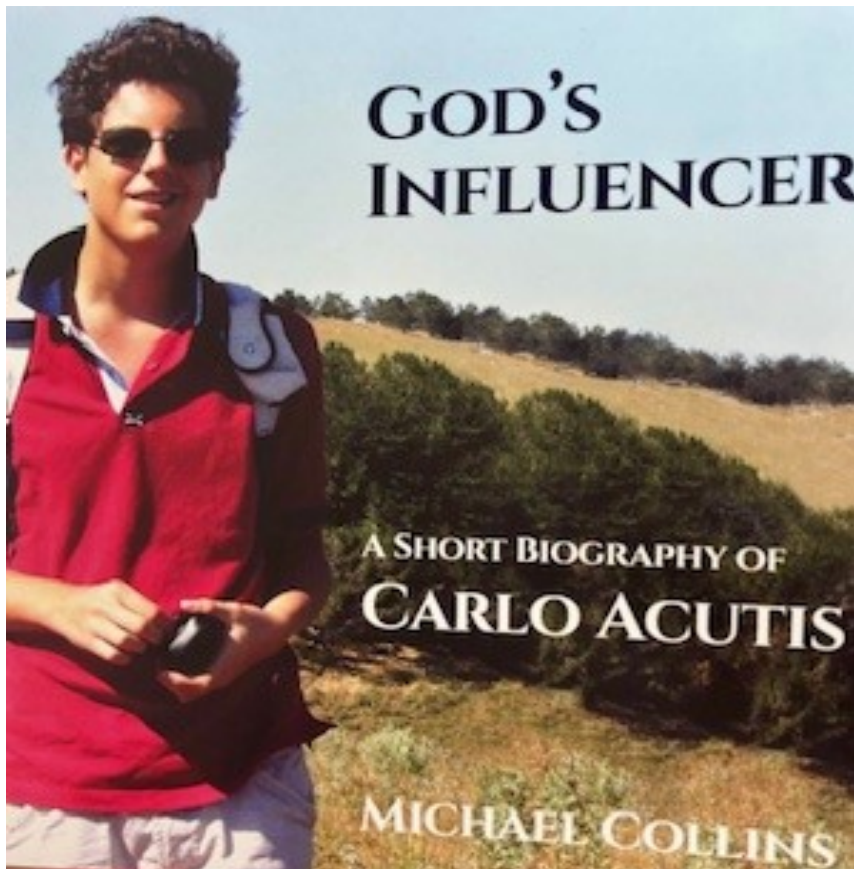
*Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 15th December at 4pm in St Patrick's Church.*



*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!*



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

There is a full schedule of all Masses and Services in the St Mantan's area available in all churches. Please take one home with you to reference over the Christmas season.

### Popes Intention for December



*We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter may find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.*

Now available to buy in the Parish Office costing €10  
BI Carlo Acutis to be Canonized April 25-27, 2025 at the Jubilee of Teenagers.

**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

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

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When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.

– William Arthur Ward