

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

21st December 2025

Donal Nearn S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ The Call to Joseph

In religious terms we would call Joseph 'a faithful type of guy', observant in religious thought and practice. The visit from the angel tests his faithfulness to God and to Mary. He doesn't let them down. He was called to be the *carer* of Jesus and Mary and to find a new openness to the mystery of God.

A temptation of religion is to tie things down too much. The law in Joseph's time was strict - if a woman was pregnant the man would cancel the betrothal, and she might be stoned to death! Joseph went beyond law to love and the mystery of God's call. Good religion is open to the mystery of life, however life challenges us and calls us. Some of the most open-minded people I have met have been very religious, and some of the most narrow-minded people have also been religious! Like good and bad medicine, there is good and bad in religion.

True religion is open to mystery. We need a church lit with the light of God, as Joseph was. His burden was lifted when he was open to God, to take Mary home as his wife, no matter what others might think. This is the annunciation to Joseph - the word of God from the angel to Joseph in a dream. It opened him to a huge new meaning in life. We accept this word as a central part of our lives, and the next time we meet the word, it will be made flesh.



Look to your own house, and all who live in it.
Imagine the light of Christ in each room and on all the family.

Lord, you are the word of God, made flesh, have mercy on us

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Michael Redmond (A) Jim Hamilton	Fr. William O'Byrne Who died in 1918
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Michael Doyle Jim Kenny R.D	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Ellen Lott Catherine Staunton Johnny & Anne Lott Maureen Byrne Melissa Butler	
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	NO MASS	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

14th December 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - **€90**
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - **€650**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€325**

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

PSALM: PS. 127: 1 - 5

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 13-15,19-23

CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

5.00pm in Wicklow Family Christmas Liturgy with Holy Communion
VIGIL MASSES

- 6.00pm ~ Brittias Bay
- 6.30pm ~ Ashford
- 7.00pm ~ Wicklow
- 8.00pm ~ Barndarrig
- 9.00pm ~ Wicklow

CHRISTMAS DAY: THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

- 9.00am ~ Rathnew & Kilbride
- 10.30am ~ Wicklow & Glenealy
- 12noon ~ Wicklow & Ashford

ST STEPHENS DAY: FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER

- 10.00am ~ Wicklow & Ashford

SATURDAY 27TH & SUNDAY 28TH

Normal Weekend Masses

Blessing Prayer for Parish Volunteers

Loving and Gracious God,

We come before You today with hearts overflowing with gratitude for the incredible gift of our parish volunteers. Thank You for their generous spirits, their tireless dedication, and their willingness to serve others in Your name. They are a reflection of Your love and compassion, and we are deeply blessed by their presence in our community.

Lord, we ask that You bless them abundantly. May they always feel appreciated for their efforts, even when no words of thanks are spoken. Fill their hearts with the assurance that their work is meaningful and that their service brings joy to Your heart. Let them find fulfilment in knowing they are part of something greater, building Your kingdom here on earth. Strengthen them when they feel weary and remind them that their work is never in vain. Surround them with Your love and peace and let them feel the warmth of Your presence in every moment of their service.

May they know, Lord, that even in their unseen moments, they are deeply valued and cherished by You and by this community. Bless their hands, their hearts, and their spirits, and guide them always in Your light.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to serve with humility and love. Amen.

There will be a Eucharistic Service to celebrate the New Year in St Mary's Church Barndarrig at 11am on January 1st 2026

De La Salle

Pastoral Centre

Will close on Friday
19th December at
10pm and re-open on
Monday 5th January
2026 at 10am.

Wishing all our
Patrons a very Happy
& peaceful Christmas.

Thank You to all our Volunteers!

As we celebrate
Christmas & New Year

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.

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“Volunteers aren’t paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!”  
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THANK YOU ALL FOR BUILDING
HOPE IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.

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.