

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 8TH FEBRUARY
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

**Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara,
 Brittas Bay**

Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara (Brittas Bay Mxd N.S.), Brittas Bay is enrolling for Junior Infants from January 10th – January 31st 2024 inclusive.

Enrolment Forms for Admission for September 2024 are available on our website: www.brittasbayns.com.

Application Forms are also available by emailing

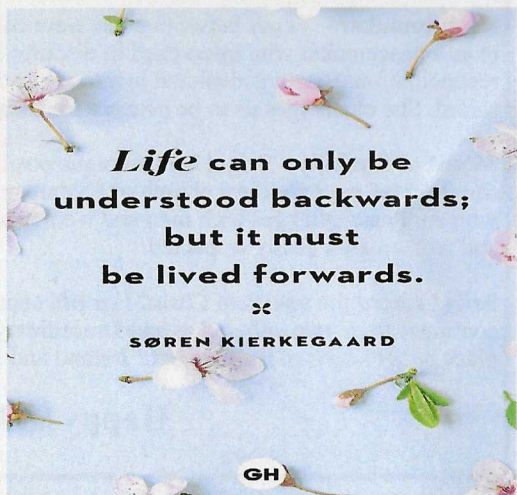
brittasbaynationalschool@gmail.com
 or phoning Scoil Mhuire Réalt na Mara on 0404 47488.

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.....



*Life can only be
 understood backwards;
 but it must
 be lived forwards.*

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KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th January 2023

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

The Power of Evil

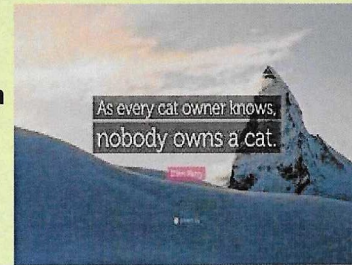
Jesus was very aware of the power of evil that can be around us. Jesus named the spirit whatever that meant. This gave him power over the spirit. He knew evil when he met it and he overcame it, with love, power and with kindness for this man.

In Jesus the good and the evil of the world met.

One big evil in us is the 'it's mine'. We learn it from childhood. We take the plate of cakes or a packet of sweets and say "all mine". We normally get over this but not always. We need the conversion from *it's mine* to *it's ours*. That's the Christian way. The environment is not ours, but for us. We have no right to kill off livelihood all over the world for our paper, our oil and our greed. Any abuse of people is the 'you are mine' syndrome. Nobody owns anyone in this earth and we belong only to God in a free way.

Evil will never win out to the end. It has been conquered on the Cross, with love.

Somehow this man was possessed. Evil came into him and maybe it was not his fault. He left clean and whole, with a kindness in his heart he would never forget. The people were amazed not just at Jesus but at the change in the man who had been possessed.



*What are evil desires in myself?
 For control of others, for greed,
 for whatever leads me away from love.*

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**

**Jimmy Byrne
Phelim & Sheila O'Connor**

Philomena Whelan

**SUNDAY
KILBRIDE 9.00AM**

Special Intention

**SUNDAY
BRITTAS BAY 12Noon**

**James Harnett, Peter Murphy
Breda Grummel**

**WEDNESDAY
BARNDARRIG 10AM**

Special Intention

**FRIDAY
BARNDARRIG 10AM**

Altar List of the Dead

**KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH
21st January 2024**

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 40
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €357
2ND COLLECTION / SHARE - goes towards diocesan administration - €140

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

First Reading : Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm : 146

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

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

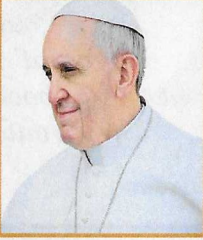


Tuesday mornings from

*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*



St Brigid Feast-day 1st February



St. Brigid is the patron saint of babies, dairy workers, farmers, Ireland, midwives, nuns, poets, printers, and sailors.

Brigid was born at a time of major transition in 5th century Ireland. She embodies in herself the pre-Christian Celtic and Christian Celtic spirit. It is generally accepted that St Brigid built her double monastery for men and women in Kildare around 470AD. Some scholars credit Brigid with pioneering monastic life in Ireland. Her monastery was acclaimed as a centre of education, pilgrimage, worship and hospitality until the 16th century when all the monasteries were suppressed.

"From the plains of Kildare to the ends of the earth The life of St Brigid speaks." (Intercom '07)

Irish missionaries and migrants carried her name and spirit across the world. Pilgrims and visitors come to Kildare from all over the world seeking to walk in Brigid's footsteps. In more recent years we have noticed a reclaiming of the traditions and customs associated with her.

Why is this so? Brigid's legacy has endured. Her life still speaks to us in the 21st century.

Woman of the Land - Brigid is remembered through the ages as a woman of the land. Her feastday on the 1st February marks the first day of Spring in the northern hemisphere. It is the season when we celebrate new life on earth. In a new hymn, she is invoked "to heal our wounds and green our Earth again. "Many today draw inspiration from the respect which Brigid and our ancestors had for all creation.

Friend of the Poor - Brigid had an extraordinary concern and compassion for the poor people of her time. Her legends challenge us share the goods of the earth with our brothers and sisters especially those who live in desperate poverty in the developing world.

Woman of Hospitality - Brigid's spirit of hospitality is legendary. For Brigid, every guest is Christ.

A Peacemaker - Feuds between clans were commonplace in Brigid's day. She is often referred to as a peacemaker who intervened in disputes between rival factions and brought healing and reconciliation. Brigid is depicted in an icon in the parish church in Kildare with her foot on the sword. She challenges us to be peacemakers and peacekeepers.

Model of Equality - Brigid held a unique position in the early Irish church. Scholars tell us that she presided over the local church of Kildare and was head of a double monastery for men and women. She challenges both men and women today to create a church and a society where men and women are equally respected.

Brigid spread the values of Christ. Her life continues to sing the song of the Gospel. She continues to be remembered as an extraordinary woman of faith and to occupy an important place in the hearts of the people of Ireland and far beyond.

Happy St Brigid's Day !