

# KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**First Sunday of Advent Year C**

**30th November 2025**

### *Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Light for the journey*

In faith and in hope we begin **A**dvent this week with its first candle. With Mary and Joseph we wait for **C**hrist. The candles are lighting the way for them - and for us! The coming light of **J**esus lights both our waiting and our journey in life. May it shine the light of Christ into the darknesses of the year since last Christmas - bereavement, illness, depression, disappointments?

**W**e prepare best for **C**hristmas by spreading this light. The way to celebrate Christmas is rooted in our following of the gospel. Among our ways are caring more for the poor, some focused daily prayer, and the wish to forgive more and be forgiven.

**A**ll the different images of Christmas prepare us for this birth

- the carols we hear and sing,
- the lights in the streets,
- the star over the church and our Christmas trees and the ways we pray with anticipation and remember other Christmas days with joy.

**E**verything of this month can remind us of **G**od. The Christmas trees, lights, cards, carols, parties, Santa hats, the houses lit up with reindeer and all the things we see about Christmas, all remind us that **G**od is near.

**W**e welcome the lights in the spirit of **P**ope **F**rancis:  
*'Those who have opened their hearts to God's love, heard his voice and received his light, cannot keep this gift to themselves. Since faith is hearing and seeing, it is also handed on as word and light'* (The Light of Faith, 37).

**S**pend a little time this **A**dvent remembering some people or family memories that make you grateful for **C**hristmas. Thank **G**od for these in your own words.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of*

*Eddie (Edward) Galvín Barndarrig, Wicklow*

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
<b>SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b>	Annette & Robert Salley Billy Rooney Robert Lawlor Paddy, Margaret & Anne Nolan	Patrick Redmond (A)
<b>SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>	Nan & Eddie Fennessy (A)	
<b>SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>	Michael, Mona & John Doyle of Cranagh, Michael & John Doyle (A) Margaret & Albert Furlong	Johnny Lott (A)
<b>WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>	Special Intention	

## KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

23rd November 2025

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - €40  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €407  
**2ND COLLECTION/SHARE-** goes towards Diocesan Administration €235

## 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: Isaiah 11: 1 - 10**

**PSALM: Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17**

**SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-9**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 1 - 12**

## 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



# Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2.00pm
	Third Sunday	1.00pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2.00pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2.00pm



**Baptism Meeting - De La Salle Centre at 8.00pm on the 8th January**

**THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING**



## Advent Reflection

**Reflecting on the beautiful  
Advent Gospels**

**Where?** An Taireseach (Dominican Ecology Centre)

**When?** 1. Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>

2. Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

3. Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>

4. Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>

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

**Optional 'cuppa' after it with delicious homeade  
biscuits**

Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

JOIN US FOR A  
**CHRISTMAS  
MARKET**

DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
FROM 11AM TO 3PM

St. Brigid's Hall, Rathnew A67 X583

Cosy Quilts, Knitwear, Crochet,  
Handmade gifts,  
Candles, Sensory toys,  
Up cycled creations  
Fresh baked goods and  
refreshments

The Heart of Rathnew  
Cool Rath Hall

Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise  
CRAFT FAIR MARKET

Galileo na Míreanna  
Government of Ireland Co-funded by the  
European Union Co-funded by the  
Irish Government, through the Department of  
Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST)  
Programme 2021 -2027. pobal  
government supporting communities SICAP  
County Wicklow Partnership LCDC

## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**



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

## An Advent Message of Hope



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
7.30p.m.

St. Patrick's Church,  
Wicklow Town,  
A67 AE37



## #HaveYourSay about your local Catholic school

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



CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
PARTNERSHIP

[www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/](https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/)

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.....

Address.....

## PSALMS 37:5

COMMIT YOUR WAY  
TO THE LORD; TRUST  
IN HIM, AND HE WILL  
ACT,

Bibleinspirationalquotesverses