KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

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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 Advent this week with its first candle. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles are lighting the way for them - and for us! The coming light of Jesus 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? We prepare best for Christmas 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.

All 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.

Everything of this month can remind us of God. 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 God is near.

We welcome the lights in the spirit of Pope Francis: '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).

Spend a little time this Advent remembering some people or family memories that make you grateful for Christmas. Thank God for these in your own words.



Sincere sympathies to the families of

Eddie (Edward) Galvin Barndarrig, Wicklow

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

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



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 26th

- 2. Wednesday December 3rd
- 3. Wednesday December 10th
- 4. Wednesday December 17th

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

Optional 'cuppa' after it with delicous homeade biscuits



PARISH CONTACTS

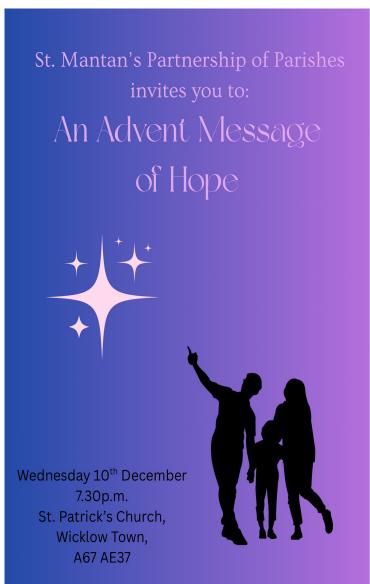
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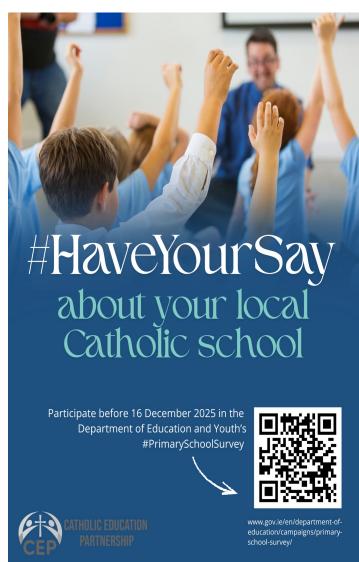
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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm





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