

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st February 2026

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Today's gospel was described by the late Pope Francis: *'This is the new law, the one we call the "the Beatitudes."* It's the Lord's new law for us' (February 2016). It highlights attitudes of the heart rather than just a set of rules to be followed.

We do not stay just with the words of Jesus. His life and teaching was a commentary on this sermon. Jesus invites us to watch how the sermon is lived out in his life. All the qualities – being poor in the spirit, able to mourn our losses and work for peace – are qualities of the human person. This is how we know our need for God, our need for each other. Even in his risen life he was the humble one who could listen to the doubts of his disciples and guide them to further faith, each in his or her own way.

The church is called to live these qualities, which lead us to the compassion of Jesus and to bring compassion in our lives. Compassion and understanding come from listening deeply to others, especially their joys and sorrows.

Compassion also grows in prayer – by asking for it, and by watching the compassion of Jesus in his life.

Someone working with young people once said that *'an ounce of compassion is worth a ton of exhortation.'* Marriage, friendship and family life are all enriched by the quality of compassionate listening.



*Some time today notice now you are feeling:
share that with Jesus in prayer.*

*Notice too how these feelings affect
how you are with others during the day.*

Thank you, Lord, for your compassion for me in all times of my life.

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Patrick Boyle (A)	Philomena Whelan (A)
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Mitzi Brady R.D	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Peggy & Bill Tone	Walter Vaughan m.m Anne Murphy m.m
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Marie McDermott R.D	

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



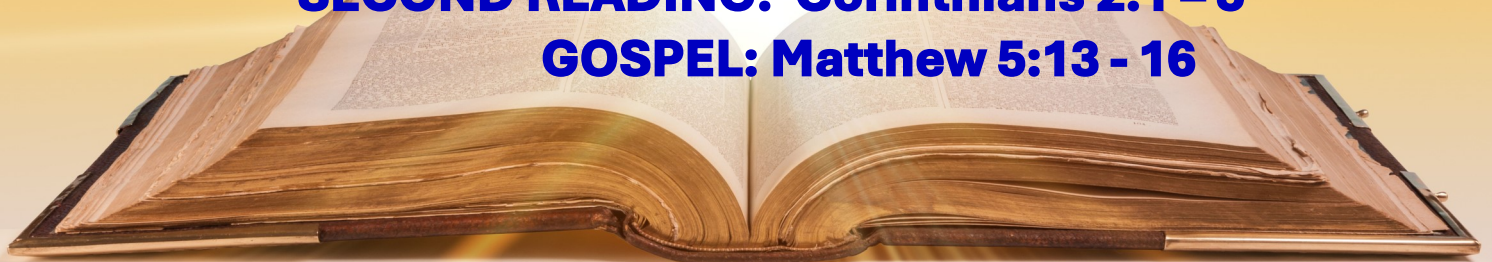
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58: 7 – 10

PSALM: Ps. 111: 4 – 9

SECOND READING: Corinthians 2:1 – 5

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13 - 16



Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

REMEMBER ...to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live. Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place. Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.



Accord will hold its annual collection on the 14th and 15th February, at all masses. It will replace the Share Collection. Please support.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

25th January 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

Many thanks for your continued support.

PARISH ENVELOPE & STANDING ORDER DONATIONS	1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND & DUES ENVELOPES	2ND COLLECTION - SHARE
<p>The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish through its donations.</p> <p>They stay locally in the parish and are vital to sustain our Parish. These envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.</p>	<p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes & coins in the First Collection</p> <p>It is used to provide suitable and equitable remuneration and support for all priests serving in the diocese, including active, sick, and retired clergy.</p>	<p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes & coins in the Second collection.</p> <p>It is primarily used to finance central support services for all parishes, and to provide financial assistance to low-income parishes.</p>
<p>The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Parish account.</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Share Account</p>
<p>€90 3 envelopes received</p>	<p>€617</p>	<p>€335</p>

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**LECTIO DIVINA
(GOSPEL REFLECTION)**

Starting again on Wednesday the
4th of February.

Where: An Tairseach centre,
Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

TIME: 10.45 A.M- 12 NOON.

We read the Gospel for the following
Sunday and Reflect on what the Gospel
message is for each of us. No need to
bring anything as we use the Mass
missalettes which we have available.
All welcome.

If a morning meeting doesn't suit you,
you may be interested in considering
coming to our meetings during Lent which
will move to Wednesday evenings Starting
on Wednesday 18th of February. Time :
7.30pm- 8.45 pm in the An Tairseach
centre.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



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.....



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The Lord is my light and
my salvation; whom
shall I fear? the Lord is
the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be
afraid?

PSALM 27:1