

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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The Ascension of the Lord -Year C

1st June 2025



Gospel Reflection ~ The Ascension of the Lord ~Donal Neary SJ

In the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. It is over, his mission is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time. His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.

Jesus often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy. In the chapel of the home of St Francis Xavier in Navarre, the crucifix is of the 'smiling Jesus'. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice.

While we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from heaven. He both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine Son who is one of us. The mystery goes farther that we are invited and called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus,. Who makes his home in us.

This is background of the prayer of St Teresa of Avila: his life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus, who makes his home in us.

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world...
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

It should not be possible for Christians to be disillusioned. We should have no illusions in the first place. Our faith is in Jesus Christ alone.

Gene Edward Veith Jr.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Fr. Martin Farrell (A)	Fr. Joseph Doran
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM		
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon		
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM		

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

25th May 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 470
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1185
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 595

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

PSALM: 103: 1,24,29-31,34

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 8-17

GOSPEL: John 14:15-16,23-26

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



PLANNED GIVING COLLECTION

The new packs of envelopes for the next year are now available for distribution. We would be very grateful if the distributors could collect their boxes during the week. If you don't receive your box of envelopes, please inform the parish office. We would most sincerely like to express our thanks to the team of volunteers who very kindly give up their time to distribute these boxes every year.

THE WEEKLY ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDER

This collection funds the parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the Parish such as electricity, heating, insurance as well as maintaining the Churches, the Parish Centre and houses.

The Parish depends very much depends on the Weekly Envelope and Standing Order contributions, in order to continue to maintain and improve the parish. We would not be able to maintain our parish without these contributions.

We are appealing to parishioners who don't use the box of envelopes or the standing order option to consider these options for donating to the parish because unless your donation is in an envelope or paid through the bank, it does not stay within the parish.

All loose monies go into the other collections for Share and the Common Fund.

If you have thought about contributing to the Parish regularly - please arrange for a box of envelopes or a Direct Debit form to be sent to you by ringing the parish office on 61699

TAX RELIEF SCHEME

The Tax Relief Scheme for donations to Eligible Charities is of immense benefit to the Parish. It is a very simple but effective way of increasing revenue, whereby the parish can claim back the tax paid on any **recorded contributions** of €250 or more per annum. Many people have already signed up for this and it has made a big difference to parish income. If you have not already done so, perhaps you would consider signing up for it now. Full details are available on the parish website or from the office.

As the church is registered as a charity, any contribution of €250 or more (which is €5 a week), allows the parish to claim back up to 40% of that, which is approx. €100, where applicable. However, we do have to be able to link the donations to a donor which is where the envelopes/ Direct Debit/Standing Orders becomes important. The only information that is required from the contributor is - name, address, PPS number and a signature. Please be assured that any information received is treated with the strictest of confidence and that there is **NO** involvement at all from any tax officials. If you pay income tax and if you have contributed €250 or more to the **Dues and Family Offering**, the Parish can claim back the tax on your donation at no cost whatsoever to the contributor.

Please be assured that the parish staff do not have any access to any personal details of any parishioner signing up to this scheme. **It is totally confidential.**

Please note that any cash placed in the collection baskets does not qualify for Tax Relief as it cannot be traced back to a donor and is therefore added to the Diocesan 1st & 2nd collections, so, it does not stay in the parish

A sincere thanks to all parishioners who continuously support the parish through their contributions and to those who have signed up to the CHY3 scheme and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



**Baptism Meeting - De La Salle Centre at 8.00pm
on Thursday 12th June**

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

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Contact Number.....

Address.....

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If we fail, we should not
lose hope & trust. We
have to re-organize
and pursue.

LIGHT AGE MASTERS

