KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 2nd November 2025

Your word is a lamp for my feet and light for my path ~ Martin Hogan

It is perhaps fitting, that November is the month when we reflect upon more personal experiences of loss, the loss of significant people in our lives, people who have journeyed with us, who gave us love and whom we loved in return. The commemoration of All Souls is a day when we do that in a special way.

On this day, we feel a sense of communion with our faithful departed. As followers of a risen Lord, we believe that our faithful have not just departed from us but have also returned to God, from whom they came. We understand death as a door through which we pass back to the source of our being, the Creator of all life. We also believe that our loved ones, in passing over into God, do not break their communion with us. Even though they have departed from us, they remain in communion with us and we remain in communion with them. A vital stream of life continues to flow between our deceased loved ones and ourselves. The faith and love that bound us together in this life still binds us to them when they pass over into the next life. In the gospel reading, Jesus gives her son back to the grieving widow. One of the ways we expressed our love for our loved ones in this life was by praying for them. Our loved ones who have died can still be touched by the love that finds its voice in prayer. Prayerful remembrance is one of the ways we continue to give expression to our loving communion with them. Such prayer helps them and can also help us. None of us will have had a perfect relationship even with those we have loved the most. When someone close to us dies, there is always some unfinished business. Praying for our loved ones can help to heal whatever may need healing in our relationship with them. As a result, our communion with them can deepen after their death until it comes to fullness at the moment

when we too pass over from this life and are united with them in God's love at that great banquet of life portrayed in today's first reading.

Although nothing is more painful than the loss of a loved one in death, our faith gives us this hope-filled vision in the face of death. St Paul says that 'hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which

has been given to us'. Our hope is grounded in God's love for us now, a very personal love that is poured into the hearts of each one of us through the Holy Spirit

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	Eddie Hanlon R.D	Michael & John Byrne Phyllis Wood Byrne Kitty Gall
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Cecily Barry R.D	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Liam Staunton 1st Anni.	Patrick O'Doherty M.M
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Special Intention	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

26th October 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - €170
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - €425
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE- goes towards Diocesan Administration €205

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: Ezekial 47:1-2,8-9,12

PSALM: Ps 45:2-3,5-6,8-9

SECOND READING: Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

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 Rathnew **Fourth Saturday** 2.00pm **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 Thursday 13th November

THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BAPTISM MEETING

In November, we remember.....

The Annual Mass for those who have been bereaved during the year will be on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the Star of the Sea Church, Brittas Bay



Parish of Kilbride, Barndarrig & Brittas Bay

All families, who have lost a loved one in the last year, will receive a letter. If anyone would like to include a relative, friend or someone with strong association with parish, who died in the last twelve months please contact the Parish Office in Wicklow 0404-61699 or email parishofficewicklow@gmail.com before 7/11/2025

PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at parishofficewicklow@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

PARISH SHOP

The Parish shop is situated in the lobby of the parish office.

It has been restocked with new candles, cards and some new general stock, grave candles & ornaments. Drop in and have a browse, baptism candles small baby gifts, angel gifts, rosary beads, car medals, visor medals, cards and much more.

There is also have a wide selection of Mass Cards and ordinary cards available.

Shop open same time as office from 10am till 12.30pm.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.

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
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Contact Number.....

Psalms 121:8 The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever