

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

3rd May

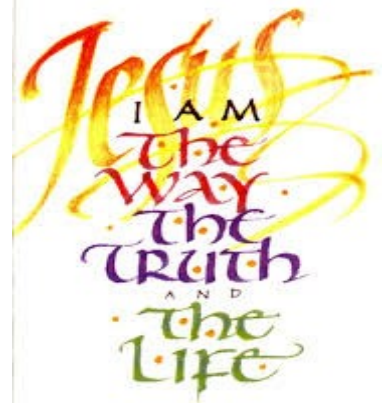
Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

The Centre Holds

The Gospel presents **J**esus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life'. The Christian centre is the person of **C**hrist. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. **M**other **T**eresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for **J**esus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by **J**esus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger.

We study his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, we become familiar with the Gospels and get to know him in the heart. Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. Freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Different types of people/ spiritualities stress different aspects of **J**esus as a sign *The Eastern approach* to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. *The European stress* is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to re discover also the joy and vibrancy of the *African and Latin American expressions* of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions. We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to **J**esus - way, truth and life. Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.



*Jesus, our way - guide me in life;
Jesus, our truth - teach me your meaning of life;
Jesus, our life - love me always.*

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	Christina Galvin (A)	Fr. Joseph Doran (A) Richard & Sheila Cullen (A)
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Esther Kinsella 1st Anni Derry Reburn Joan Hamilton Dan Breen Frank & Bridget Murphy	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Special Intention	
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Special Intention	

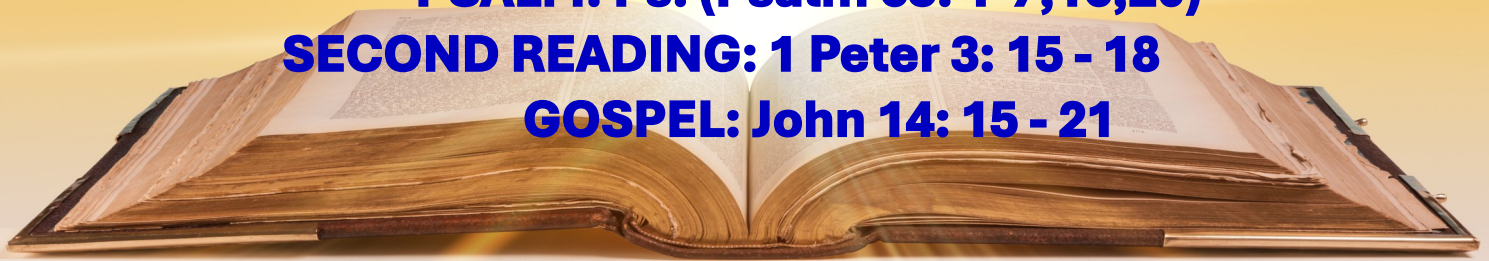
**If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...**

FIRST READING: Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17

PSALM: Ps. (Psalm 65: 1-7,16,20)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

GOSPEL: John 14: 15 - 21



**OFFICIAL
5KM WALK**
in aid of Pieta

**SIGN UP
HELP STOP
SUICIDE**

4:15am • May 9th

Register Today
darknessintolight.ie

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Bethany
Bereavement Support

HAVE YOU BEEN BEREAVED?

You are not alone.

The death of a loved one can be overwhelming and isolating — but **you do not have to face it alone.**

If you are grieving the loss of someone special, or any kind of loss, and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offers free and **confidential support** to adults in a safe, welcoming and understanding environment.

We hold our meetings in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

Our next meetings are:

Tuesday 28th April at 8.00pm

Tuesday 5th May at 10.45am

You are very welcome to come along, or simply contact us for a chat.

086 835 9148

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 14th May

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

26th April 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. 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. 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. 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>€40 2 envelopes received</p>	<p>€395</p>	<p>€200</p>

Lay Ministry Appeal

Lay Ministry Sunday, and the Associated Lay Ministry Appeal, takes place on the weekend of May 2/3 and will replace the Share collection. Your support in promoting this important appeal is deeply appreciated.

MINISTRY SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Ministry Sunday is a special time in the life of our church, set aside to celebrate the many ways people serve and to invite others into that shared mission. It highlights that the church is not just a place we attend, but a community we build together through active participation.

Volunteers are at the heart of this, giving their time, energy, and gifts to support everything from prayer and music to outreach and hospitality. Their service strengthens connections, meets real needs, and reflects the spirit of generosity and compassion that defines our faith.

Without our volunteers, many of the church's ministries simply wouldn't be possible, making their contribution not only valuable but essential to the growth and vitality of our wonderful Parish community.

Thank you to every single one of our wonderful volunteers!

As we celebrate Ministry Sunday, we warmly encourage everyone to consider how they might get involved—whether by trying something new or offering skills you already have.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference, and there is a place for everyone to serve and belong.

Please see the Ministry booklet at the Church doors and/or contact the Parish Office for more information.