

# KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd November 2024

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

RCN 20016166



### *Gospel Reflections What is Religious? Donal Neary SJ*

We often ask people what is most important to them in life. Various words come to mind - family, faith, love, and peace of mind, money or others. Jesus is asked something like this in the conversation of today's gospel. His most important word is love – anything in the religious tradition of the time is secondary to love of God and love of the neighbour. In August 2012 a survey indicated that the Irish are among the least religious people of Europe. This came out of a sample of 1,000 people and indicates something to do with religious understanding and practice. Maybe though we could challenge that we are most religious, not necessarily when we are in church or praying, but also when we are at our most loving and caring, or concerned for justice.

True religion is that, and is especially true when it cares for the needy. Jesus' heart went out mostly to people like that in his own time, especially any group who were outcast like people suffering from leprosy. This can be the same today. He is the one on the side of the needy, and most on our side when we are most needy. This is the meaning and the reason for the Christian community – to be bearers of love in our world. We are all being called to share our treasures, values, environments and even new discoveries like vaccines with those who need them as much or even more than we do.

So maybe in Ireland we are much more religious than the survey shows! When we love, in the smallest and biggest ways, among the family, neighbourhood and wider world, then we are religious in the name of Jesus.

*Recall moments when you thought you were most 'religious' and soon after were internally critical of other's efforts.  
Lord, may I find your love in everything I encounter this week*



*Sincere sympathy to the family of  
Liam Staunton, Brittas Bay*

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
<b>SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b>		Betty Kennedy
<b>SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>	Tom Fleming (A)	
<b>SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>		

## KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH 27th October 2024

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 55  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 730  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards Diocesan Administration - € 295

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)



**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17: 10-16**  
**PSALM: 145: 7-10**  
**SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**  
**GOSPEL: Mark 12: 41-44**

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



in the Star of the Sea Church, Brittas Bay.  
 Tuesday mornings from 9am until 10am

*The Rosary continues every Friday morning in St Mary's Church Barndarrig at 10am. Everybody is very welcome to join us for some beautiful time out while sharing the Rosary with one another.*

## 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 8pm on Thursday 14th November**



The Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride at 7pm and will continue every first Thursday. The chaplet of divine Mercy is a wonderful testament of God's mercy for all. Names of loved ones to be prayed for can be entered into the book which will be at the back of the church.

### PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday:**

**10am - 12.30pm**

### *The Annual Mass for Deceased from the*

*Parish of Kilbride, Barndarrig and Brittas Bay will take place this year in St Mary's Church, Barndarrig on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30 PM.*

*All families, who have lost a loved one in the last year, will receive a letter. If anyone would like to attend to remember 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](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com) before 5/11/2024*

### Communion Enrolment Mass:

**Brittas Bay: Sunday 3rd November 12 noon**

### Confirmation Commitment Mass

**Brittas Bay: Sunday 10th November 12 noon**





**Unit 2, First Floor,  
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Abbey Street, Wicklow**

*Have you, or a family member,  
been diagnosed with Cancer?*

*We're here to help -  
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Email [info@wicklowcancersupport.ie](mailto:info@wicklowcancersupport.ie)

Open: Mon-Fri: 10.00-5.00.  
Closed for lunch 1-2p.m.

## Unwanted Gift Sale

in aid of  
St. Patrick's Church, Wicklow  
and  
Wicklow Cancer Support



**Date:** 17th November, 2024  
**Time:** 10am to 3pm  
**Place:** De la Salle Pastoral Centre  
Wicklow Town



### Special Room

*Full of Bags,  
Purses, Hats, Scarfs*



Pick up a Great Christmas Present and support  
Wicklow Parish Church and Wicklow Cancer Support Services

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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**Earl's Newsagents Abbey St.**

***Hear the Hits: Caledonia/ Christmas 1915***  
***Silent Night/ The Prayer/ Bring Him Home/***  
***The Parting Glass/ Nessun Dorma***

The Sunday Independent called them 'FABULOUS...  
The entire audience was moved by their soulful performance'  
**All The Songs You Love! Absolute Joy!**

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**Special Guests: Local Children's School Choir**

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



woman's day