

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Easter Sunday Year A

5th April 2026

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew Alleluia - for singing, not for humming!

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Christ is risen - the women who came to the tomb found their joy in this. They may have found joy also in a beautiful dawn in the garden, or in their friendships, but the joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which nothing need take away.

The joy of the resurrection is a joy in giving the life we have received from God: *'Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others'* (Pope Francis).

The Alleluia is for singing, not for humming; it is to be heard from the voice of the heart, and should lift the hearts of those who hear:

'Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'

We often see great joy in the middle of huge poverty: often the poor can live for the present moment and enjoy it to the full. Sometimes in the middle of illness we find a peace we don't know from where it comes. The grace of the risen Jesus can touch our lives at any time. Let's not be like Christians 'whose lives seem like Lent without Easter' (Pope Francis). Having lived through the joyful season of Lent, our hearts are wholly lifted now in joy received and joy given.

***Breathe in and out: on the inbreath echo the word 'joy'; on the outbreath echo the word 'thanks'.
Risen Christ, raise our lives in joy.***



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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm

| | THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER | NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER |
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| SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM | Sarah Dunne R.D | Mary Fanning (A) |
| SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM | Special Intention | NO MASS |
| SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon | Mai Delaney & her brother Patrick Tuohy late of Mayo | NO MASS |
| WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM | NO MASS | |

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

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

PSALM: Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9



Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April 2026

Holy Hour of Divine Mercy

On the first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. To commemorate this great Feast, there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy. Confessions start at 2.45 pm, followed by the Holy Hour at 3 pm in Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig (A67 K282).

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Come and join us as we offer prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy, placing ourselves in the wellspring of God's merciful love.



"Jesus, I trust in You."

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

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| 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 9th April

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

29th March 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

| PARISH ENVELOPE & STANDING ORDER DONATIONS | 1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND & DUES ENVELOPES | 2ND COLLECTION SHARE |
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| <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>€50 3 envelopes received</p> | <p>€585</p> | <p>€270</p> |

Please note that on the weekend of the 11/12 April 2026, Schedule C of masses will operate. There will be no vigil Mass in Ashford on Saturday 11th April and no masses on Sunday 12th April in Kilbride or Brittas Bay. There will be masses in

Wicklow Vigil Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)
 Barndarrig Vigil Mass 7.30pm (Saturday)
 Rathnew 9.00am (Sunday)
 Wicklow 10.30am (Sunday)
 Glenealy 10.30am (Sunday)
 Wicklow 12.00pm (Sunday)

Thank You to all our Volunteers!

As we celebrate

Easter Time

We want to thank all the volunteers in all the churches, who continuously lend a hand and work so hard to make our parishes so vibrant and welcoming.

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*“Volunteers aren’t paid - not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless!”*

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**THANK YOU ALL FOR BUILDING
HOPE IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY.**

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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