

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

8th February 2026

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

In Galilee around the time of Jesus, there was a flourishing fish-*ing* industry. Peter, James and John were part of it, and they were big-time fishermen. Fish from Galilee went all over the then known empire, and to Rome along the trade route, which went through Galilee. It was kept fresh, as much food was, as we kept food fresh for years before freezers - by salting it. The word of God is kept fresh within us by prayer; otherwise our Christian life may become weak and tasteless.

A big food of Jesus is the Eucharist. His bread of life can go stale unless we '*salt*' it. We *salt* the Eucharist by our lives. We keep the Mass alive by the way we live.

The Eucharist is entrusted to us. God gives us his Son, his food, and leaves it to us how we live by it.

Jesus invites us to be the '*salt of the earth*' - to be people whose lives are centred on helping others and making the places around us places of kindness, compassion, hope, fun and life. We don't say 'You're salt of the earth', if someone just receives communion. We are the salt of the earth if we live out our communion. The bread of Jesus is salted with the goodness of men and women, young and old, everywhere.

The real evidence for Jesus and Christianity is in how Jesus and the Christianity based on him manifest themselves in the lives of practicing Christians.

Lionel Blue

Our response then links in with the first reading - if we feed, shelter, clothe and help our neighbour, we are '*the light that rises in the darkness*'!

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Philomena Whelan (A) Sheila & Phelim O'Connor	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Special Intention	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Walter Vaughan m.m Anne Murphy m.m	
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Cyril Jones R.D	

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: Tuesdays at 9am



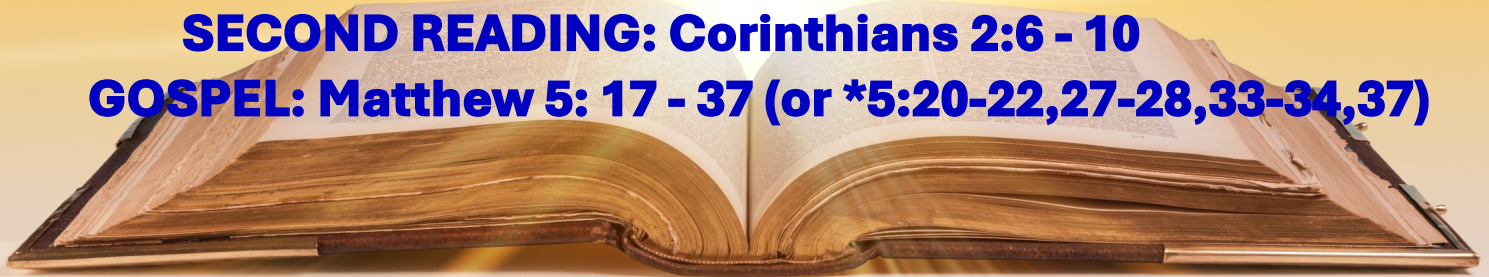
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,
please check...

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

PSALM: Ps. 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

SECOND READING: Corinthians 2:6 - 10

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 17 - 37 (or *5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37)



Accord will hold its annual collection on the
14th and 15th February, at all masses. It will replace the
Share Collection.
Please support.

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 12th February

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 2nd February 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>€180 10 envelopes received</p>	<p>€530</p>	<p>€260</p>

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Wednesday, 18. February
6.30pm to 8pm

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