KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
8th November 2026

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

Jesus always new

The lamp is the light of love and hope, and at its centre is the light of Christ. The light is given to us in many ways in our lives - it shines within as an eternal joy, and outwards to many others. Jesus often advises, *'keep your lamps burning' and 'Let you lights shine.*

Like when the bulb goes out when the electricity fails, the lamp can go out without oil. The people of the gospel felt foolish that they had not brought oil with them to light their way. The oil is prayer and our relationship with Jesus. This is the essence of the Christian life. Our Christian life is following a real, loving person: it is an invitation to get to know Jesus, and to find ourselves drawn from our hearts to follow him. Without this living relationship with Christ, words sound empty. We sometimes hear someone speaking of their Christian faith and cannot help wondering if it comes from the inside or is just a list of things to be believed and read.

Ignatius of Loyola's famous prayer is the prayer of the follower of Jesus; *'Lord, teach me to know you more, love you more and serve you more faithfully in my life.'* (Spiritual Exercises). The more indicates that this is never a finished product: like love and friendship it grows in our lives. It is exciting that Jesus is never gone from us.: risen from the dead he is always alive, always new. Our reading of the gospel, our sharing at Mass and the sacraments and our personal prayer keep this relationship always alive, always new.

Thinking of a bright lamp, or imagining one,
ask for an ever-brightening light of Christ in your life.
Lord, teach me to know, love and serve you more faithfully every day



Sincere sympathies to the families of Mary Gallagher (née Jenkinson) Friar's Hill, Wicklow Town & formerly Brittas Bay, Co. Wicklow

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Special Intention	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Annie-Jo Tighe-Finnerty & her husband Thomas & Son Gerard (A) Thomas (Tom) Doyle Mary & Mick Bouchier Julia (Lou) Breen Jim & Julia Breen James & Maura Doyle	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Marie Murphy in remb.	James Burke (A) Richard Burke (A) Michael Quinn (A) Jim, Ted & Ellen Brennan
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Special intention	

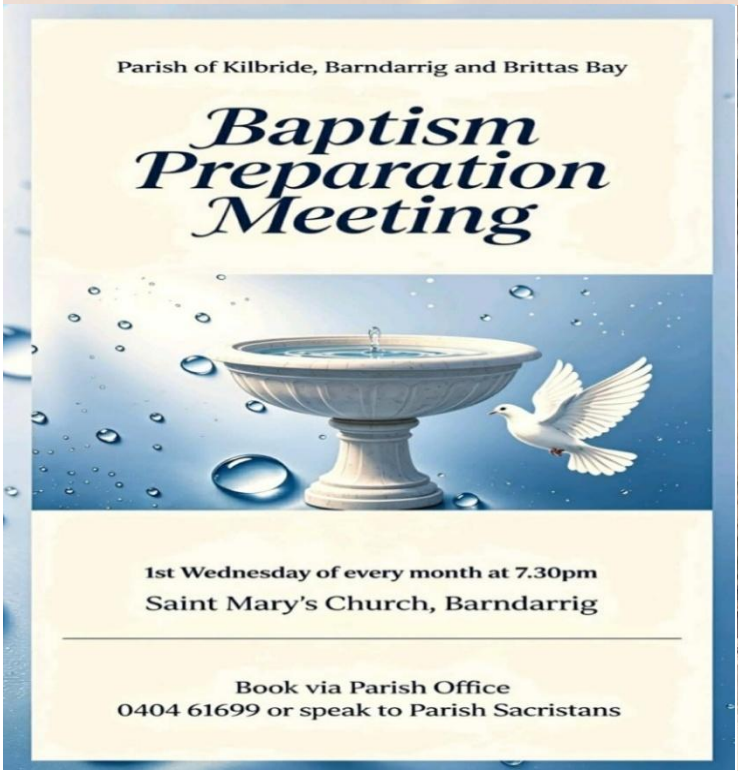
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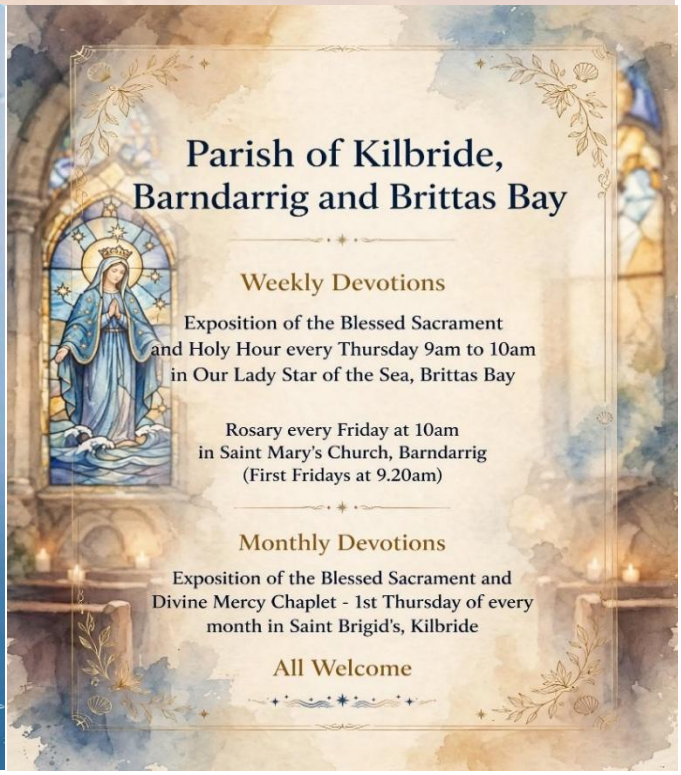
FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20. 30-31

PSALM: Ps. 127: 1 - 5

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 5: 1-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14 - 30





WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st November

Here is where your donations go to.

Many thanks for your continued support.

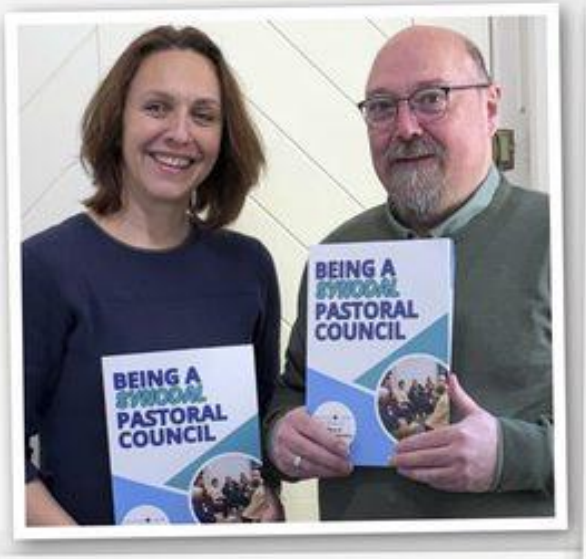
PARISH ENVELOPE & STANDING ORDER DONATIONS	1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND & DUES ENVELOPES	2ND COLLECTION SHARE
The Envelope/Standing Orders are what funds the Parish through its donations. They stay locally in the parish and are vital to sustain our Parish. These envelopes and Standing Orders maintain the Churches, Parish Centre, Houses, general maintenance and administration expenses.	**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.**	**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.**
The money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Parish account.	**This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Common Fund Account**	**This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Share Account**
€ envelopes received	**€70**	**€70**





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MISSION, SERVICE AND SOLIDARITY
IN OUR PARISHES AND PARTNERSHIPS OF PARISHES





LEFT: Saulė Cameron and Peter Siney from the Office of Mission & Ministry with the new resource *Being a Synodal Pastoral Council*. RIGHT: Paulo Machado, Health & Safety Co-ordinator, and Conor Doran, Sustainability & Energy Engineer, at the Diocesan Offices, Arran Quay



Sister Margo Delaney CHF with the parish's Care for Creation project at St Joseph the Artisan, Bonnybrook

SHARE
APPEAL SUNDAY
November 7/8, 2026



Resourcing parishes and partnerships: Some of the attendance at the *Building Hope* Gathering at Yellow Walls Pastoral Centre last month

Thank you for your generous contributions each weekend

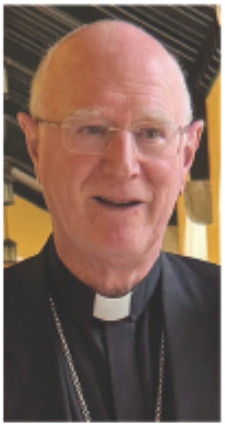
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SHARE

NEWSLETTER

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A message from Archbishop Dermot Farrell



In November each year we take the opportunity, on **Share Appeal Sunday**, to remind ourselves about the second collection taken up at weekend Masses throughout the year. **Share**, the diocesan development fund, depends on the generosity of parishioners. It reflects, practically, our mission, service and solidarity, responding to needs felt in parishes across the Archdiocese.

In the parable that Jesus recounts today, those who were wise brought extra oil, but the unwise did not have enough oil to keep their lamps lit into the evening (Matthew 25:1-13). In our world, through no fault of their own, some parishes will not have 'enough oil for their lamps'. We share from what we have so that no parish is left behind, none is overlooked. I appeal to you today, then, if you can, to increase your contribution to **Share** throughout the year so that we can enhance our response to the needs of all.

Because of your generosity to **Share**, a wide range of skilled personnel are available to parishes from the diocesan offices. They offer consultation, training, formation and guidance concerning local pastoral, education, strategic leadership, safeguarding and communications initiatives. A particular focus currently is training for Pastoral Councils using a new handbook, *Being a Synodal Pastoral Council*. Assistance is provided, too, for ongoing parish and partnership conversations, *Building Hope* in a synodal manner.

Parishes are also helped in meeting regulatory and statutory obligations in administrative and operational matters, such as finance and fundraising, property, sustainability, health and safety, and data protection. This year we are expanding our support for health and safety compliance, with a full-time person provided from the diocesan offices to assist parishes. Through our new sustainability engineer, we are also helping parishes to look at alternative energy sources, aligned with *Laudato Si'* and Care for Creation. Speaking in September, calling for a wise and far-sighted vision of humanity, Pope Leo insisted that, 'the climate question is not merely an environmental challenge, it is fundamentally a question of justice, human dignity and solidarity between people and generations'. (24th September 2026). We must all be engaged in reflection on what we can do to care for our planet and all its people.

The **Share** collection has evolved over the years and continues to evolve. It is a significant source of funding and support across the Archdiocese. Importantly, **Share** provides much needed financial relief to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured. This year, for example, numbers of parishes that could not fund compliance with all-important fire-safety regulations have been assisted by **Share**.

Thank you in anticipation for giving what you can on this **Share Appeal Sunday**, and for your continued support for **Share** at the second collection every Sunday throughout the year.

May we be a people blessed with wisdom, humility, generosity, and great hope.

+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

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**
KBB	**Second Saturday**	**2.00pm**

NO Baptism Meeting in December. Our next KBB meeting will be Wed. 6th January at 7.30pm in Barndarrig Church. Please ring Parish Office 0404-61699 to confirm your attendance at this meeting.



WICKLOW CANCER SUPPORT

Unit 2, First Floor,
Rear of Boots Pharmacy,
Abbey Street, Wicklow

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

We're here to help -
All our services are free of charge

0404 32696 or 086 821 6694

Email *info@wicklowcancersupport.ie*

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

Letters have been sent out to bereaved families if you have been bereaved and have not received, please contact the parish office at 0404 61699

In November
We Remember

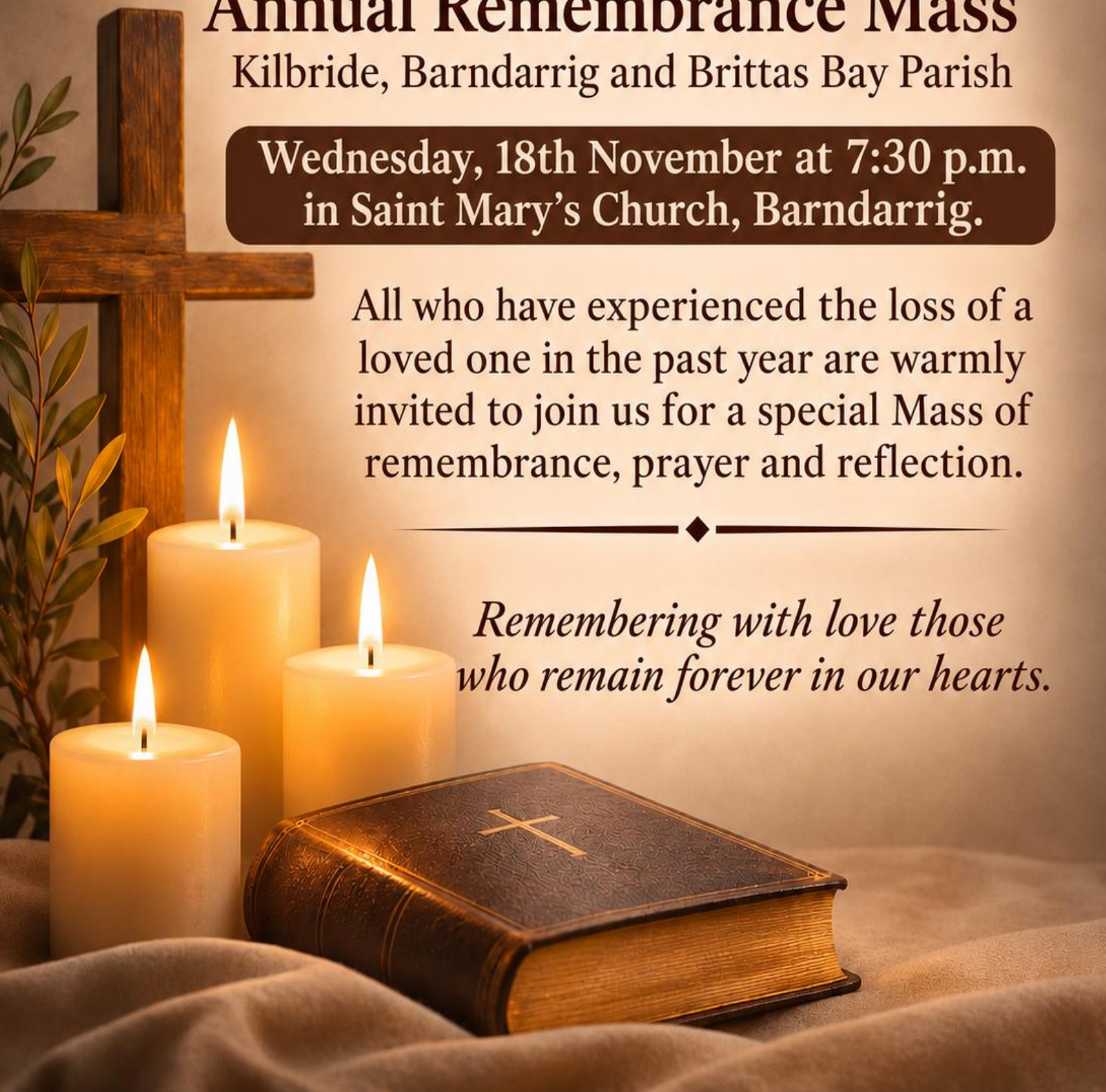
Annual Remembrance Mass

Kilbride, Barndarrig and Brittas Bay Parish

Wednesday, 18th November at 7:30 p.m.
in Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig.

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the past year are warmly invited to join us for a special Mass of remembrance, prayer and reflection.

Remembering with love those who remain forever in our hearts.



Bethany
Bereavement Support

WICKLOW GROUP

Whenever you feel ready, Bethany Bereavement Support is here to listen.

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a free, confidential listening service for adults who are grieving.

It offers a quiet and supportive space where people can speak about their loss and be listened to with understanding and compassion by trained volunteers.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Tuesday 3 November at 10:45am
Tuesday 24 November at 8pm

VENUE

The De La Salle Centre
Wicklow
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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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