

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9th August 2026

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A hand to be Held

A most strange gospel story - **J**esus walks on the water. It's the type of gospel that suits a decision time, challenging us into deep trust - an invitation to come to the water; not to be afraid. It's about trusting in **J**esus, when there is nothing else. If you have human help, it's great - but not the same as trusting in God.

In time of death, the call is to trust in God's promise, because he is the way and the truth. Old age can be the same, or times in life when we just don't know what the future will hold. It sounds unusual, but what Jesus does in this situation is very human. He doesn't lecture or say a prayer, he just holds hands.

Someone was given a book on bereavement after a family death - he said he needed a hand to be held, or his tears to be heard. That's Jesus. He held Peter. Our God is a God with skin, with a human heart, who leaves big ideas behind when we are in trouble. Jesus just went across the lake, stopping his comfortable prayer.

There are times when we just need to hold on to God in trust. On another occasion Peter would jump into the lake again - after the resurrection. Always a water man! Then he would be asked not just to hold a hand, but to be the hand that would reach out to others. Peter was prepared for his mission in many ways. As Pope Francis says, 'When the Lord wants to give us a mission, wants to give us a task, He prepares us. He prepares us to do it well' (June 2014).

*Remember a time when all you seemed to have was God; thank him.
Or recall when all you needed was God; ask him now for help.
Lord, in you I put my trust.*

Sometimes you
don't realize that
Jesus is all you
need until Jesus
is all you have.

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	NO MASS	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Mary Ita Boyle in remb.	NO MASS
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Eugene Byrne—20th Anniv. Deceased members of the Staunton Family Barry Flynn 10th Anniv. Raphael Allegre	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Special Intention	

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56: 1,6 - 7

PSALM: (Ps. 66)

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28



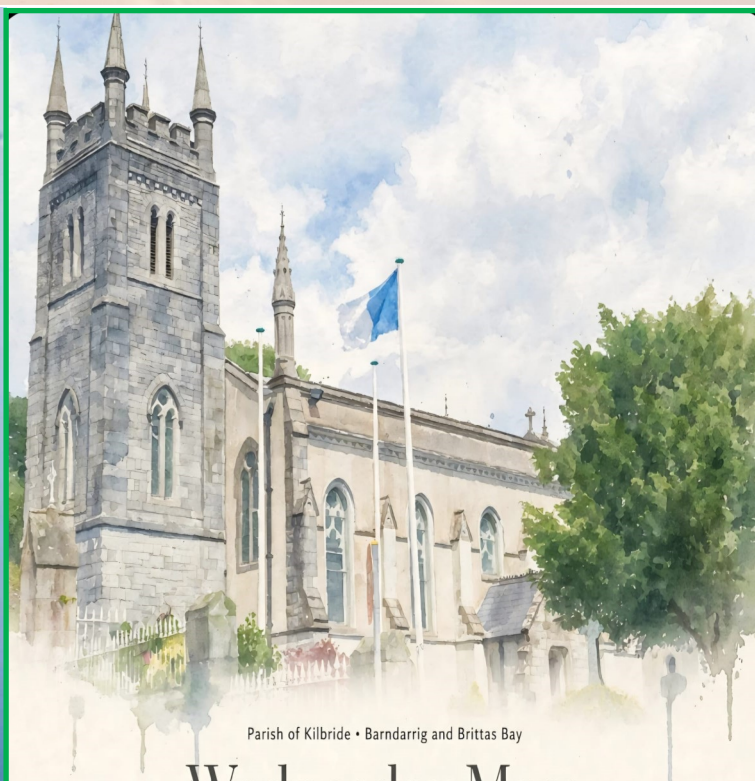
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Baptism Preparation Meeting



1st Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm
Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig

Book via Parish Office
0404 61699 or speak to Parish Sacristans



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Wednesday Mass

Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig

10AM



In the event a Priest is unavailable for Mass
there will be a Liturgy Service

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



Baptism Meeting - St. Mary's Church, Barndarrig at 7:30pm on Wed. 2nd September

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

<u>Ashford:</u>	1st Friday after Mass
<u>Wicklow:</u>	Mondays and Thursdays after Mass
<u>Kilbride:</u>	1st Thursday at 7pm (Divine Mercy)
<u>Brittas Bay:</u>	Thursdays at 9am



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

2nd August

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
€180 6 envelopes received B.D Shrines €1223	€185	€75



Bethany

Bereavement Support

Wicklow Group

Bethany Bereavement Support provides a 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.

Meetings are held in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

Upcoming meetings:



Tuesday 4th August at 10:45 am



Tuesday 25th August at 8:00 pm

You are welcome to attend,
or to make contact for a chat.



Tel: 087 0060 700

Our Lady's Island PILGRIMAGE 2026



ST MANTAN'S PASTORAL AREA

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are delighted to announce they have organised a Pilgrimage to Our LADY'S ISLAND for Sunday 23rd August.

It has been a while since this Pilgrimage has been done and was previously organised by the late Mary Kavanagh and members of the Pioneer Association, we are very happy to bring it back in honour of Mary and all the past members of the local Pioneer Association.

There is a bus organised and a light lunch (Tea/Coffee, sandwiches & cakes) on the island which costs €25 per person. Lunch will be before the Mass.

Mass begins at 3pm with a Testimony & Songs from Michael Flood, Soprano. There will be some free time to visit the shop and wander around the area before returning home.

Booking is through the Parish Office only (0404 -61669), and is limited

BUS PICK / DROP OFF UP POINTS ARE:

ASHFORD 10.45am

RATHNEW 11.00am

WICKLOW 11.15am

BEEHIVE 11.30am

The bus will be leaving Our Lady's Island at 5pm.

Mass Schedule B and C.

Special schedule operates on the dates listed below

Schedule B: 8th /9th August 2026 & 22nd/23rd August

Ashford Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Wicklow Vigil Mass	6.00pm	(Saturday)
Kilbride	9.00am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	10.30am	(Sunday)
Wicklow	12.00pm	(Sunday)
Brittas Bay	12.00pm	(Sunday)

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Schedule C: 15/16 August & 29th/30th August

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)