

# KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**Baptism of Our Lord ~Year A**

**11th January 2026**

**Donal Neary SJ** *Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew*

*'You are beloved...'*

**J**esus' baptism by John the Baptist had a different meaning from ours. It was more a baptism of sorrow for sin and of forgiveness; in this plunge into the river, Jesus identified with his people in his.

At the baptism he heard the best words he could hear; **You are my beloved.** God led Jesus to John to hear these words.

*One of us, one with us, he could now be one for us. Joy flooded his heart as he heard these words. Something happened for Jesus at that moment that only he could know - like bells ringing that only he could hear. Have you heard it in your life? At times we face the huge mysteries love, beauty, friendship, birth, death. And we know in the middle of it all, that we are beloved.*

*Our call is to be fully involved in life and love. The Christian is called to be involved with others at the times of need, of depth and mystery. Jesus did that - plunging himself into our humanity and with all of us.*

*The feast of the baptism is something new for all. The son of God is one of us. We have a new way of knowing God not just in the laws of old but in the new Spirit of Jesus.*

*So let the bells of love ring for us in God; and wherever we find it; let's ring bells of love for all the most needy of God's people.*

*Let the word 'beloved' echo in your mind and heart.  
This is God's word for you today.  
Lord, thanks for calling me 'beloved'*



## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm**

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
<b>SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b>	<b>Donal Kearns—1st Ann Clare Cousins, Kay Doyle, Kathleen Kearns</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>		
<b>SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>	<b>Jim Doyle Mary Doyle</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>	

### 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



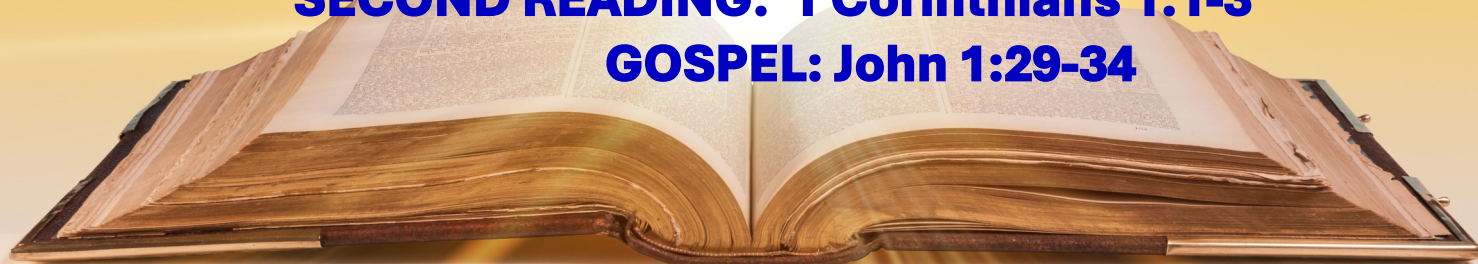
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings,  
please check...

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

**PSALM: PS. 39:2,4, 7-10**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**GOSPEL: John 1:29-34**



### **Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.**

**REMEMBER ...to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live. Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place. Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.**

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

We would love to hear what is happening in the parish so that we can include it in the parish newsletter.

If you are organising any event or activity—non-profit—please email us with the details at [parishofficewicklow@gmail.com](mailto:parishofficewicklow@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

**PLEASE ..... MAKE SURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

### **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**4th January 2026**

Here is where your donations go to.

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

<b>PARISH ENVELOPE &amp; STANDING ORDER DONATIONS</b>	<b>1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND &amp; DUES ENVELOPES</b>	<b>2ND COLLECTION - SHARE</b>
<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 money received in these envelopes is lodged directly to the Parish account.</p>	<p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes &amp; 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>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Common Fund Account</p>	<p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes &amp; 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>This loose money is lodged directly to the Diocesan Share Account</p>
<b>€325</b> 12 envelopes received	<b>€340</b>	<b>€175</b>

**Please note the following changes in Masses for next weekend.**

Eucharistic Service in Wicklow on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January & in Barndarrig on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Please note that on the weekend of the 17/18th January 2026, Schedule B of masses will operate.

There will be NO vigil Mass in Barndarrig on the 17th January and no masses on Sunday 18th January in Glenealy or Rathnew.

There will be masses in :

Ashford Vigil Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)

Wicklow Vigil Mass 6.00pm (Saturday)

Kilbride 9.00am (Sunday)

Wicklow 10.30am (Sunday)

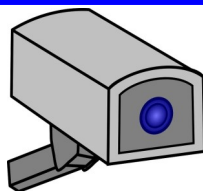
Wicklow 12.00pm (Sunday)

Brittas Bay 12.00pm (Sunday)

**Anam Cara**, the charity organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 19th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)



**Don't forget that all Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, during the weekdays and weekends.**

**[www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Mass leaflets are available in all the churches even if there is no Mass in a church on a particular weekend.**

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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