

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

14th September 2025

Fr Martin Hogan comments on John 3:13-17

Today's feast of the exaltation or triumph of the Holy Cross is not like Good Friday. Our focus is not so much on the sufferings of Jesus. Rather, we celebrate what the gospel reading refers to as the lifting up of the **Son of Man**. The term 'lifting up' suggests not just his being lifted up physically on the cross but also his being lifted up in glory. There are some depictions of the cross which highlight this double sense of Jesus being lifted up, where the body of Jesus on the cross is almost glorified. You may be familiar with the cross of San Damiano in Assisi. When Saint Francis was praying before it, he heard the Lord call on him to rebuild the church. The image of Jesus that is painted on that cross has a glorious, luminous, quality. It is this kind of depiction of the cross that reflects the meaning of today's feast, which is the feast of the triumph or exaltation of the cross.

In what sense was the crucifixion of Jesus a triumph?

It was firstly the triumph of love over hatred, the triumph of **God's** love over human sin. All authentic love is life-giving and God's love is supremely life-giving.

That is why the crucifixion of Jesus was a triumph in another sense, the triumph of life over death, of God's life over human death, a triumph in which we can all share. That verse in today's gospel reading which has spoken to believers down the centuries really sums up the meaning of today's feast, *'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him'*.

Today we are invited to look upon the cross as the *'explosion of God's life-giving love for us all'* and then to allow ourselves to be drawn into that love so that we can reflect it to others through our lives.



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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Jimmy Byrne Christy Byrne	Mark Bergin Edward & Catherine Breen (A)
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Special Intention	Michael Boylan & parents Michael & Mattie
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Mary (Ria) Brennan (A)	Paddy & Nan Walshe (A) & Deceased members of Walshe Family
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Kevin Lydon R.D	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

7th September 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 575
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 597
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 300

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check
catholicireland.net / sacredspace.ie / universalis.com

FIRST READING: Amos 8: 4-7

PSALM: Ps. 112: 1 -2, 4-8

SECOND READING: Timothy 2:1-8

GOSPEL: Luke 16,1-13

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: Thursdays at 9am



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 Thursday 9th October

**BUÍON MUIRE
LOURDES UNIT**

65TH

ANNIVERSARY

**GUIDING IN
WICKLOW TOWN**

Mass celebrated by
• **Bishop Donal Roche**

**SATURDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER
AT 2:30PM**

Refreshments after in the
De La Salle Parish Centre

Send any photos from your time at Girl
Guides to our facebook page

Once a guide, always a guide

Rathnew Women's Social Enterprise

CRAFT FAIR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH

11AM TO 3 PM

ST. BRIGID'S HALL RATHNEW
A67 X583

HAND CRAFTED GOODS, CROCHET,
KNITWEAR, GIFTS, SENSORY TOYS,
UP-CYCLED CREATIONS, COZY QUILTS,
BAKED GOODS & REFRESHMENTS

"The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021 -2027."

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026 for children attending Catholic schools in the Pastoral Area is now open on the Pastoral Area website, www.stmantan.ie – under General Information and then Sacraments you will see a section for First Holy Communion and one for Confirmation. When you open one of these there is a link to the Registration Forms. Once you have completed and submitted the form you will be redirected to Payzone in order to pay the registration fee of €10 which goes towards administration costs. Please register at your earliest convenience as this will ensure you receive emails about upcoming meetings and ceremonies.

DO YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AS YOU AGE?

CALL OUR NATIONAL SUPPORT LINE ON
0818 222 024
FROM 8AM-8PM, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

ALONE is a national organisation that enables you to age at home.

We support with issues like:

- Access to Health Services
- Social Welfare Entitlements
- Housing Issues
- Activities and events

No matter how big the concern, ALONE will be there to support you.

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YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Ways to Get Involved



Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

Visitation Support and Befriending is a supported one-to-one relationship between a volunteer and an older person who has been linked in with ALONE.



Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

ALONE's Telephone Support and Befriending is a free friendly, support and information telephone service for older people.



National Support & Referral Line Volunteer

As an NSRL volunteer, you will provide a listening ear, information, and support for older people in a warm, friendly, and professional manner.

"My Volunteer brightens up my day and I look forward to the visit every week"

- Older Person

"I have gained meaning from supporting others and I have a new perspective on life"

- Visitation Support & Befriending Volunteer

"I feel connected to the people I talk to"

- Telephone Support & Befriending Volunteer

0818 222 024 National Support & Referral Line 8am - 8pm

Sign up at volunteer@alone.ie



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SWITCHED OFF WHILE IN THE CHURCH.**

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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Contact Number.....

Address.....

**"let your
faith
be bigger
than your
fear.,,"**

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