

# KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A**

**15th March 2026**

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

### *The Eye of Faith*

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things - with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life by experiencing the good within ourselves by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

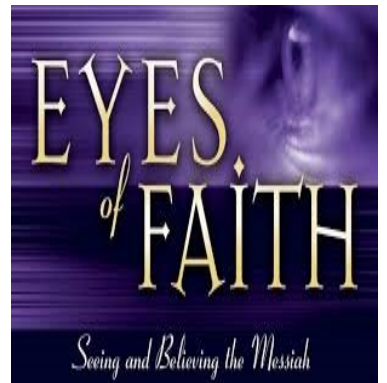
We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus ' **You are looking at the Son of Man he is speaking to you.** ' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower,  
or in a parent holding a child's hand,  
or in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage and notice that in many ways **G**od is near and the presence of **J**esus is at hand.

*Let this verse echo in your mind from the hymn: Amazing Grace*

*I once was lost and now am found,  
was blind and now I see.*

*Lord, let me see you in the simple things of my life.*



## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm**

|                                       | <b>THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER</b>  | <b>NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER</b>   |
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| <b>SATURDAY<br/>BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b> | <b>Special intention</b>  |  |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>     | <b>Jim Kennedy R.D</b>  |  |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>  | <b>James &amp; Nora Higgins (A)<br/>Jane McGrath (A)<br/>Syl Lott (A)</b> | <b>Seamus, Terence &amp;<br/>Kathleen O'Donell<br/>Ellen &amp; Edward Greene<br/>Tom and Kathleen McCall<br/>Tom Brennan</b> |
| <b>MONDAY<br/>BARNDARRIG 7:30PM</b>   | <b>St. Patricks Day Vigil mass<br/>Basil Redmond R.D</b>                  |  |
| <b>TUESDAY<br/>KILBRIDE 9:00AM</b>    | <b>St. Patricks Day<br/>Michael Crowley (A)</b>                           |  |
| <b>TUESDAY<br/>BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b> | <b>St. Patricks Day<br/>Jim Ward (A)</b>                                  |  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>  | <b>Special Intention</b>  |  |

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

**FIRST READING: Ezekial 37: 12 –14**

**PSALM: Ps.129**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8: 8 - 11**

**GOSPEL: John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45**



**Parish of Kilbride, Barndarrig and Brittas Bay Stations of the Cross**



**Our Lady Star of the Sea Church – Brittas Bay – 7:30 p.m., Friday, 20 March 2026**

**A Shared Journey Through the Passion**

**During this Lenten season, the parish invites families to walk Stations of the Cross in**

**an accessible, reflective, and engaging format:**

- Music & Hymns – Gentle, familiar melodies familiar to all.**
- Storytelling – Age-appropriate narration that brings each Station to life for children.**
- Interactive Reflections – Simple and thought-provoking, child-friendly encouraging dialogue between generations.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and grandparents to introduce**

**children to the experience of the Stations in a way that speaks to every generation, becoming a shared journey this Lent.**

# Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

|          |                 |         |
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| 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 9th April**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**8th March 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>  |
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| <p>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.</p> | <p>The Common Fund account is funded by all the loose notes &amp; 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.</p> | <p>The Share account is funded by all loose notes &amp; 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.</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 Accord Collection</p>   |
| <p><b>€170</b><br/>7 envelopes received</p>  | <p><b>€570</b></p>   | <p><b>€ 210</b></p>  |

Thank You to Brendan Gregory & Team at Gregory Tarmac  
 On behalf of everyone at Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Brendan Gregory and all the team at Gregory Tarmac for their incredibly generous donation of a brand-new tarmac surface at the church. Your kindness and support will not only transform our church grounds but also create a safe, welcoming, and beautiful space for our parishioners and visitors. This gift will be appreciated for many years to come, and it truly reflects a spirit of community and generosity. Thank you for your hard work, your generosity, and your commitment to helping our community shine.

RATHNEW WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



# Craft fair

**11 AM - 3PM**

**SUNDAY 22ND OF MARCH**

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

**ST. BRIGID'S HALL  
RATHNEW  
A67 X583**









"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."



Last Friday of each month  
2pm - 4pm

## Wicklow Town Memory Cafe

This is a free monthly cafe event bringing together people living with dementia or memory challenges, their carers, family, friends, and healthcare professionals to connect, enjoy time together, and find information and support.

**Upcoming Dates**  
27th March, 24th April  
29th May, 26th June

The Pastoral Centre, Wicklow Town,  
A67 FX65



Wicklow Town Memory Cafe



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# AnamCara

Supporting Parents After Bereavement  
**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Thursday 19 March

7pm - 8.30pm

For all bereaved parents



register at <https://bit.ly/3NntfOW>

**GUEST SPEAKER: DIANE CLABBY**



Diane Clabby is a Trauma Informed Psychotherapist, holding a BA (Hons) Degree in Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy and a Diploma in Trauma Informed Psychotherapy. She combines various theoretical approaches in her clinical work, aiding in her ability to support people in whatever problems they may bring to therapy. Diane has a special interest in working with trauma, complicated and prolonged grief, suicide prevention/intervention and postvention, abuse, and addiction.

FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL BEREAVED PARENTS, REGARDLESS OF HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN BEREAVED, AGE OF THEIR CHILD OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR DEATH

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**MOTHERS ARE LIKE GLUE. EVEN WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE THEM, THEY'RE STILL HOLDING THE FAMILY TOGETHER.**

Susan Gale