

# KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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**Ascension Sunday Year A**

**17th May 2026**

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

### *Fully Alive*

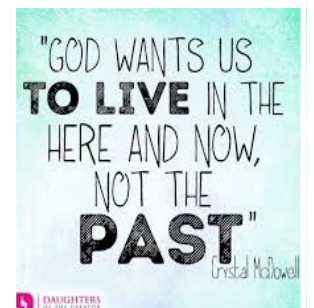
I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, '*if he was here he would be there.*' He never moved far! **Jesus - he is here and there.** *The risen lord has moved on, but he has not fully left us. His Spirit dwells in us.*

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body - the man of heaven and the God of earth - is now the church, and that's us.

Before we are of any denomination or group, we are **Christ's**. We are baptised into the church of **Christ**; and yes, we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole church - we begin in him and end in him, like the **Alpha** and **Omega**, the beginning and the end, on the paschal candle. Our faith is also renewed through living with **Jesus** - we are partners in our mission. Our faith is also renewed in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have **Jesus** smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday - in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.

*A breathing prayer - as you breathe in notice you are breathing in the gift of life from God.  
Holy Spirit, living in the church, living in Mary,  
draw me more fully into your 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>
<b>SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b>	<b>Kathleen &amp; Leo Byrne (A) Laureen Kelly (A) Con Kelly (A) Seamus Kelly (A) Seamus &amp; Georgie Morrissey</b>	
<b>SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	
<b>SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>	<b>Anne Lott</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>	<b>Gail Weldon (A)</b>	

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

**FIRST READING: Acts 1: 1-11**

**PSALM: Psalm (Ps. 46: 2-3, 6-9)**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1: 17 - 23**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**



**On Saturday 9th May in St Brigid's Church Kilbride, Fr Aquinas Duffy Baptised babies Aria Cullen and Daisy Kavanagh-Gregory. We welcome the girls in Baptism and may the Lord Bless them as they begin their Journey of Faith.**

### **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.

# 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 the 11th June**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**10th May 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. 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</p>
<p><b>€80</b> 4 envelopes received</p>	<p><b>€600</b></p>	<p><b>€300</b></p>

**Best wishes to the children of Brittas Bay National School who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday 17th May. May this special day be filled with joy and blessings, marking a beautiful step in their faith journey as they receive Jesus for the first time. We are so proud of you and pray that you feel God's love on your special day.**

# Building Hope

## Novena to the Holy Spirit

17th – 25th May 2026



Pentecost, from St John's Church, Carraroe, Sligo

### Novena Prayer

Mary, Mother of the Church,  
stand with us at this Spirit-filled time.  
Grace us with your faithful presence  
as we pray, reflect and plan.

Mary, our Mother,  
wrap your mantle of gentleness and courage around us.  
Inspire us to say 'yes' to your Son,  
as we breathe in the Spirit of Truth and Love,  
to renew our communities of faith around Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
you stood at the foot of the Cross, broken-hearted.  
You witnessed the joy of the resurrection  
and the wonder of Pentecost.  
You walked great distances in your time.  
Be with us now on our Synodal Journey, *Building Hope*.

Beloved Mother,  
open our hearts generously to our baptismal calling.  
Encourage us into ever deepening communion  
with your Son, with each other,  
with those most in need, and with all of God's creation.

A Mhuire Mháthair,  
hold us close to you  
as we embrace God's loving invitation  
to wholeness, healing and peace.  
Amen.

Archdiocese of Dublin

*Building Hope through Prayer, Reflection and Planning*

# CPR/AED Training Night



Hosted by Avoca/Conary First Responder

Location: Jack Whites  
Date: Tuesday 26th May  
Time: 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Book your place contact  
Patrina 0870942048

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# Parish of Kilbride, Barndarrig and Brittas Bay Cemetery Mass & Blessing of the Graves 2026

Three Mile Water: Monday, 6th July at 7.30pm

Barndarrig: Tuesday, 7th July at 7.30pm

Castletymon: Monday 13th July at 7.30pm