

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

17th August 2025

Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Disturbing love and the warmth of love

Fire is frightening; it can burn up a city. Controlled it is warming: in control in a grate; and it also warms the heart, when we sit back, watch the flames and chat, think or pray. Jesus came to bring fire on the earth. His is the warmth of love and companionship: when we know we can go to him just as we are, and enjoy the intimacy of his friendship - the friend who is always offering the gift of his heart to each of us.

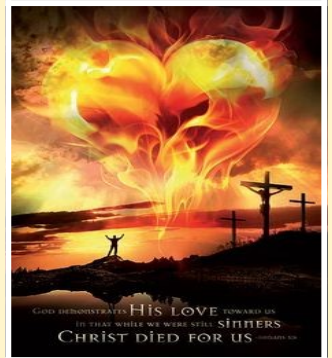
The warmth of Jesus brings comfort and hope to the world when we live in isolation from each other, lack of friendship and hope. When we lack the reconciliation and justice that makes life possible among us, then the warmth of God's love for all can inflame our coldness.

There is also the fire that disturbs; love challenges as well as comforts. The flame of God can be frightening in that it demands a world of justice, peace and reconciliation. The fire of this love is the fire that also warms and comforts.

The flame of God is the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to bring all sorts of fire to the world, and to send the Spirit of comfort, justice, reconciliation and hope. The message of Jesus may divide us, and if it does, the love of Jesus can unite us, for love is the most powerful gift of Jesus.

A saying has it — he has come to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted.

*Holy Spirit, flame of God, hover over each of us
as you did for the followers of Jesus
at the first Pentecost.*



PARISH CONTACTS

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Mary O'Neill (A) Barry Flynn (A) Rafeal Allegre (A) Margaret Bolton (A)	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	NO MASS	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	NO MASS	Owen Byrne (A)
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	NO MASS	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

10th August 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - **€250**
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - **€705**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration **€470**

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21

PSALM: 116

SECOND READING: 12:5-7,11-13

GOSPEL: Luke 13: 22-30

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 11th September

JubileeCamino

Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry

Saturday September 13th



Mass. Adoration. Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)

Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.

Contact op.evangelisation@gmail.com for further details

Organised by Dominicans and Friends www.dominicans.ie



GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

Every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm for anyone struggling with depression or anxiety or just the stresses of life.

Experience new hope and meaning through working on issues together in a peer support setting.

Call Trish Williams on 086 0129082 for more information or just turn up at the Wicklow Parish Centre.

Small donations for group running costs are welcome.

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.



As part of the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope 2025,
The Pockets of Hope will be on display in Brittas Bay Church for
the month of August. Everyone one is invited to make there own
mini-pilgrimage as they review the Pockets of Hope and consider
what message they get from them.



Hopelessness can often be a characteristic of many lives today. This is not difficult to believe as with increasing secularism, war, violence, lack of social cohesion, the lack of care for our planet and general brokenness, it can be a real challenge to be a person of hope. In response to our plight Pockets of Hope is a project created by Fr. Alan Hilliard and designed by Mary-Aoife Ong which is based on the writings of Pope Francis in the document *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint) which is the theme for The Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Pockets of Hope draws on the imagery of the Burren Landscape on the western shore of Ireland. The display aims to highlight how hope can be discovered even amidst the most bleak of landscapes.

You are invited to complete your own mini pilgrim journey as you contemplate each message of hope and let God speak to you through the reflections. This is a selection from the complete set of forty-two posters which are on display in the Dublin Churches. It allows the pilgrim journey though the document, contemplating its rich and life-giving narrative for today's world. It is the desire that many people in Ireland can be filled with the gift of Hope through this project!

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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

