

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

20th July 2025

Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Jesus and hospitality: God's footprints

The half door on the old Irish houses had many functions. It kept the animals out while allowing the family to look out. It also made for openness and hospitality for all who passed by. The traveller was welcomed and the one walking by could rest for a while. We were open to the world and the world to us, and we felt safe.

Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He made many a visit to the house of Martha and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. They enjoyed having him - Mary just sat there listening to him - the stranger, now a friend, who told stories of how life could best be lived. I can imagine him telling the parables in their house.

The people then had a belief in the travelling and pilgrim God, the one who came our way often. The first reading is about strangers being entertained and the people didn't know that the Lord was visiting them. When we open our heart and home to the stranger and to the neighbour we are receiving God into our lives.

The Indian poet Tagore writes - *'and when you left I saw God's footprints on the floor.'*

Our fear of break-ins and of robbery today is destroying an easy accessibility in our neighbourhoods. Casual hospitality is more difficult than in the days of the half-door. Maybe Facebook and Twitter and other social media fulfil some of this function, impersonal though it may be.

We cannot live in isolation. *'Self knows that self is not enough'* writes the poet, Brendan Kennelly.

For friendship and love,

*Especially when I find it in unexpected places and people
I thank you, Lord.*



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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM		
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	NO MASS	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	NO MASS	Jimmy Mc Shane - Months Mind Bill Lott
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	NO MASS	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

13th July 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 370
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 730
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration €310

Many thanks for your continued support.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

PSALM: 137: 1-3, 6-8

SECOND READING: Colossians2: 12-14

GOSPEL: Luke: 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



UPDATE ON RECENT NECESSARY MAINTAINANCE.

In recent months the electrics in Brittas Bay Church have been upgraded at a cost of over €20,000. There is still some plumbing issues to be sorted in relation to hot water. Barndarrig Church will soon have to have a smoke and fire alarm installed as required and it will cost about €28,000. Kilbride and Brittas will also require this. The annual parish insurance of €8,000 has recently been paid. As the parish runs at a loss each year, we are living off the recent sale of a parish property. That will only keep us going for a few years.

Fr Aquinas



County Wicklow Partnership



JOB VACANCY IN BRITTAS BAY PARISH

Brittas Bay Parish are looking for a person who is interested in working in a Caretaking role.

This placement is through County Wicklow Partnership's Tús Programme.

The placement will be for 1 year and participants will be required to work for 19½ hours per week and you are free to take up other employment outside of their 19½ hours.

To qualify for Tús, you must be fully unemployed for 12 months or more. You can also qualify if are on a Disability payment too.

Payment is at the full rate of Jobseekers Allowance plus €27.50 top-up.

Information: Following recent changes, you can now self-select for a position with Tús while engaging with Turas Nua.

For more information or to apply, contact Kevin Hennessy on khennessy@wicklowpartnership.ie or 0876739301

Mass & Blessings of the Graves - 2025

Barndarrig Cemetery: Tuesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm

Three Mile Water Cemetery: Monday, July 7th at 7.30pm

Castletimon Cemetery: Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm

Rathnew Cemetery: Wednesday 16th July at 7.30pm

Glenealy Cemetery: Saturday 19th July at 3.00pm

Killoughter Cemetery: Tuesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

Baptism in the St. Mantan Pastoral Area

Wicklow	First Saturday	2pm
	Third Sunday	1pm
Rathnew	Fourth Saturday	2pm
Ashford	First Sunday	12 noon
Glenealy	Third Saturday	12 noon
BBK	Second Saturday	2pm



Baptism Meeting - De La Salle Centre at 8.00pm on Thursday 14th August

THANK YOU

To everybody who worked so hard to ensure the Blessings of the Graves went off so well in the three local graveyards. From the set up to the clear up - several people were involved and a sincere "THANK YOU" to each and everyone of you. These occasions don't just happen - planning starts weeks before the occasion and couldn't be completed without the help of our fantastic volunteers.

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

-Hebrews 13:2 NIV

