

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

22nd March 2026

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

A Human Heart

When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God and man of the earth, weeping over a friend.

His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there - the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence.

The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who'd give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint!

He is a good friend.

When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more important than our own.

So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us.



*Picture your friends and those you love
and give thanks to God for each of them.
Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.*

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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 Keogh Nellie Duffy Michael Doolan Thomas Walsh Frances Barney	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Frank Hamilton R.D	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Seamus, Terence & Kathleen O'Donell Ellen & Edward Greene Tom and Kathleen McCall Tom Brennan	
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Special Intention	

EASTER SCHEDULES

Are now available in all Churches. This booklet has all the ceremonies and Masses in all seven churches in the St Mantan's Area, for the Easter season. Please feel free to take one home for your reference.

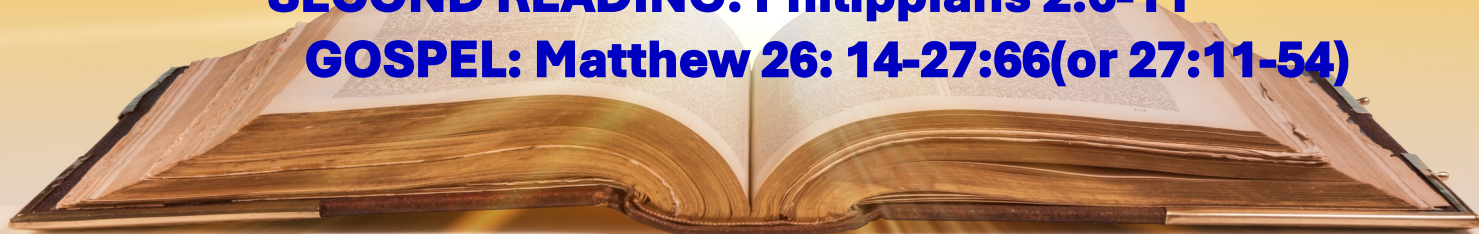
If you would like to reflect on next Sundays Readings, please check...

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50: 4-7

PSALM: Ps.21:8-9,17-20,23-24

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Matthew 26: 14-27:66(or 27:11-54)



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



Family Stations of the Cross – A Faith Filled Evening for Every Family
When: Friday, 27 March 2026 – 7:30 p.m.
Where: St Mary's Church, Barndarrig

As Holy Week draws near, we invite families to gather for a heartfelt Family Stations of the Cross. This moving devotion is designed for participants of all ages, offering a shared journey through Christ's Passion that the whole family can experience together.

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 9th April

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

15th March 2026

Here is where your donations go to.

Many thanks for your continued support.

PARISH ENVELOPE & STANDING ORDER DONATIONS	1ST COLLECTION COMMON FUND & DUES ENVELOPES	2ND COLLECTION SHARE
<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 & 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 & 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>€130 3 envelopes received</p>	<p>€515</p>	<p>€275</p>

Congratulation to Baby Caelan Ronnie Cox and Baby Gwendoline Grace who were both baptised last Saturday 14th March in St Brigid's Church Kilbride.

May the Lord bless them as they begin their Journey in Faith



Bethany Bereavement Support Group



Many bereaved people find it beneficial to receive support from trained volunteers

Bethany Bereavement Support is now offering additional drop-in meetings. These will be held at 10.45am on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow A67 FX65.

We hope this will make it easier for you to receive our support.

Our evening meetings continue as usual. These meetings are held at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month. You are welcome to drop into either meeting.

If you prefer, we can meet with you in person. You can call us, in confidence, on **086 835 9148** and be assured of our compassion and understanding.

All our help is free and confidential.

The death of a loved one can be an overwhelming and isolating experience but you don't have to face it alone.

Behold the Lamb

Readings and Music for Passiontide

Palm Sunday, March 29th Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig at 3pm

"Behold the Lamb" is a special service of poems, readings, and music, to aid us in our reflection and preparation as Holy Week approaches. This meaningful event encourages us to contemplate the profound events that led to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. Through the Barndarrig Church Choir's powerful music, the poignant poems and readings, and moments of collective silence, we will be brought closer to the heart of God. This service will add to our preparation to walk the Way of the Cross with faith, hope, and love, deepening our understanding of the true meaning of this sacred season.

Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April 2026

Holy Hour of Divine Mercy

On the first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy. To commemorate this great Feast, there will be a Holy Hour of Mercy. Confessions start at 2.45 pm, followed by the Holy Hour at 3 pm in Saint Mary's Church, Barndarrig (A67 K282).

Jesus said to St. Faustina: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Come and join us as we offer prayers of devotion to the Divine Mercy, placing ourselves in the wellspring of God's merciful love.

"Jesus, I trust in You."

