



Pope Francis RIP
17 December 1936 -
21 April 2025

Death of Pope Francis
– extract from statement of Archbishop Farrell

Pope Francis's death comes during the *Jubilee of Hope* which he inaugurated on Christmas Eve last. In his acceptance of people as they are, and by his constant going out to encounter the other in their own place (see Mark 1:38 and John 12:27), he himself became the great pilgrim of hope. In his preaching and teaching he has given the Church a rich treasury from which we will be drawing sustenance long into the future. From the outset he insisted on sharing the "joy of the gospel" and put those on the periphery at the centre of his ministry. The Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*—the *Joy of the Gospel* (2013), established the horizon, and set out the programme for his papal ministry. The joy of the gospel, and its hope, came to shape his life and ministry, and was the centre of his teaching: "Rather than offering the healing power of grace and the light of the gospel message, some would indoctrinate that message, turning it into dead stones to be hurled at others." (*Amoris Laetitia*, n. 49). Witness to the acceptance, healing, and hope of Christ is what the Church is really about, and Pope Francis gave himself to it with every fibre of his being.

His was a life is marked by numerous profound changes. All that he became was rooted in his deep prayer, in his trust in the journey of Jesus, and in his abandonment of himself to the will of God. He has now set out on the final stage of his pilgrimage to God. For him, death "will allow us to participate, with sublime emotion, in the infinite and blissful exuberance of God's creative act, whose endless adventures we will experience first-hand." (24 August 2022) At the end of almost every audience and address, he would assure those present of his prayers, and ask them—with great simplicity—to pray for him. As we give thanks for the extraordinary gift he was and is for us all, let us do the one thing he asked for himself, let us pray for him. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord. May he hear those words addressed to the good and faithful servants, "Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. May Pope Francis rest in the peace of Christ.

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

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Second Sunday of Easter-Year C

(Divine Mercy Sunday) 27th April 2025



Gospel Reflection ~ Only Faith ~ Donal Neary SJ

Jesus spoke in short sentences and summed up a lot of life in a few words. His final beatitude is in the gospel today - '**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.**' You can unpack that little phrase and in it you realise that faith is about things that cannot be proved, that it is not easy and that it brings a blessedness to life. It also includes ourselves - the ones of this year who still believe.

Something is only by faith when everything else fades off. Our loved ones die and only faith assures us that they are 'alive with God'. Only faith assures us that Jesus is present in the mystery of the bread and wine at our Mass. Only faith assures us that he is with us when two or three gather and only faith assures us that what we do for others we do for him. Faith assures us of some of the best things of life; finally that we come from God and go to God.

Thomas found difficulty with all this. Jesus dealt gently with him, pointing out the wounds of his body and inviting him to touch them. But Thomas never needed to touch the holes in Jesus' hands and feet. He was told that an even better happiness was to believe without touch or sight. He found faith now in the risen Lord, and the faith itself was Jesus final gift to Thomas.

We need to take time and let faith grow within us. This can be in prayer, in faith-conversation and in allowing ourselves sit quietly and be in the presence of God. In the busy world, this may be difficult, but no day is diminished by time spent in silence and in quiet, knowing we are richly blessed when we grow our faith in God.

*Lord, I believe in your presence
with me and within me.
Strengthen my belief.*



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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Margaret Ryan (RD)	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Derry Reburn Joan Hamilton	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Joy Riordan (RD)	
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM		

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

20th April 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 1295
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 530
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 320

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: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

PSALM: 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 5:11-14

GOSPEL: John 21:1-14

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



LOURDES



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Wicklow Rathnew

26 August 2025

7 Nights

€1,095 per person sharing

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- » 20kg bags included
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- » 7 nights accommodation in La Solitude Hotel
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit Places associated with the life of St. Bernadette including a guided tour of Lourdes and Bartres

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Parish of Kilbride, Barndarrig and Brittas Bay Blessing of the Graves 2025

**Barndarrig Cemetery,
Tuesday, July 1st at 7.30pm**
**Three Mile Water Cemetery, Mon-
day, July 7th at 7.30 pm**
**Castletimon Cemetery ,
Monday, July 14th at 7.30pm**
**The priests' graves in Barndarrig
Church grounds will be blessed
during this period.**

Meeting of the Members of the Amalgamated Parish Pastoral Council.

As a further step in pooling our resources, and thereby strengthening our Parish Partnership, the first meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Wicklow.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

LIFE & SPIRIT SEMINAR in RDA HALL RATHDRUM Co. WICKLOW A67 X668



**COMMENCING
TUESDAY 15th
APRIL
to
TUESDAY 27th MAY
(seven consecutive
Tuesday Nights)**

Time 7.30pm

**Guest Speaker
each night**

**For further info:
Jack 086 - 2464181**

TESTIMONIALS TO THE HEALING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Kate** healed from Crohns disease after 26 years.
- **Robert** paralyzed and on a life support machine for 3 months, totally healed
- **Abby** young girl with anorexia, totally healed
- **Aishling** with depression and alcoholism, totally healed
- **Eugene** 10 years of chronic pain, the Holy Spirit asked me to forgive, totally healed

Knock Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage to knock on the 21st September 2025.

Leaving the Memorial park Rathdrum at 7.30am sharp via Grand Hotel Wicklow at 8am.

€80 per person this includes Bus, Breakfast, Dinner.

Names and payment before 1st June 2025

Contact Susan at 0876273032.

St. Mary's Church, Barndarrig

**DIVINE
MERCY
Sunday**
Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April at 3pm

**Commemorate the merciful love of God
Holy Hour
with Divine Mercy Chaplet**

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 8pm
on Thursday 8th May**

Your contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the Parish, please fill in this slip and return to Parish Office or Sacristy

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"Thank you, God,
for the strength you
give me to face
each day with
courage and grace."

The Beatitudes of Pope Francis (Sweden – 2016)

Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show their closeness.

Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home.

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

Reflection The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Everyone has experienced some degree of despair that “makes us feel as if our soul were crushed,” unable to breathe and perhaps even eager for death, Pope Francis said.

“We have to understand when our spirit is in this state of extended sadness, where there is almost no air. This happens to all of us” to some degree, he said.

So then what should people do when they go through “these dark moments because of a family tragedy, an illness, something that brings me down?” he asked.

In times of hopeless, spiritual despair, he said, the answer is to pray hard, just like Job, who cried out day and night for God to listen.

Risen Jesus,

***Accompany us on our journey of sadness
as you walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.
Help us respond to our calling, follow Your example
and the witness of Pope Francis to be there
for each other,
in a spirit of solidarity as sisters and brothers.
Give us the courage to broaden our horizons
and reach out to those who need Your light,
no matter who they are or where they come from.
We ask this in Your name. Amen.***

Let us pray, in the spirit of Pope Francis, for all who are sick today:

**God of tenderness and healing,
Be with those who are ill in their struggle at this time.
Fill them with Christian hope that does not disappoint
and strengthen them in this time of trial.**

**May they who are supported by so many in prayer
be lifted up on the wings of our intercessions.**

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**May Mary, who stood at the cross of her Son comfort the
sick today.**

**A Mhuire na nGrás, a Mháthair Mhic Dé, Go gcuire tú ar
a leas iad.**

