

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Donal Neary S.J. Gospel Reflection ~ Faith in action: On fire with hope

This story of **J**esus highlights the inequality of rich and poor. **J**esus appeals to our sense of justice, right and goodness. There is no need for anyone to come back from the dead to warn us of this inequality. The doors between rich and poor can often be locked as were the doors between **D**ives and **L**azarus. Those outside can only knock, protest and even try to break down the doors. The doors must be opened from the inside.

This message of justice and hope for an equal share of the world's goods for everyone is strong in the gospel of **J**esus. His heart was on fire with the hope of a better life for the poor. He went to help them simply because they were poor.

The Christian Church, if it is to be faithful to the gospel, should be involved in many ways in the creation of a more just world. The Christian parish takes a special care of

~ the refugee, the migrant, the war and climate challenged,
~ the new poor and ~ the old poor,
~ the unborn, ~ The disabled (Mental/ Physical),
~ the sick, ~ the elderly, ~ and the dying,
in fact all whose voices may not be usually heard.



The parable is meant not to scare with images of punishment, but to make us as aware of the huge inequalities that exist in our world, and in the exploitation of resources in the developing world. Maybe we can pray not to be tormented by any of the pains of this story, but be tormented into action by the hunger, poverty and injustices of our world. Maybe then more doors can be opened from the inside of wealth to the outside of poverty.

Lord, may we build with you a world of justice and peace.

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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am – 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	John Whelan (A) Patrick O'Neill (A)	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Cassie Bradly R.D	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Special Intention	Lizzie Lott 1st Anni. John & Mary Kate Macken & Dan Slattery
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Eucharistic Service	Eucharistic Service

PLEASE NOTE: The weekend of the 11th and the 12th of October, NO mass in Ashford, Britas Bay, or Kilbride. Masses are still on in Glenealy, Barndarrig, Wicklow & Rathnew.

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

21st September 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - **€20**
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - **€330**
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - Crosscare Collection **€430**

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2 – 4

PSALM: Ps. 94:1 –2, 6-9

SECOND READING: Timothy 1:6 - 8 13 – 14

GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5 - 10

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 9th October

Mass of our Angels

Friday 3rd October

at 7.30pm

in

St. Patrick's Church,
Wicklow

*This is an opportunity to remember our little ones
who have passed on too soon.*

*For those who have been touched by the loss of a
child or an unborn infant, you are invited to
come together for*

"A Mass of our Angels".

*Whether your loss is recent or a long time ago, you
are very welcome to join us for this very special
Mass.*

*"I will not forget you -
I have carved you in the
palm of my hand"*

Isaiah 49:15



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

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement Support offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence. We have a drop-in service on the last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm in the De La Salle Centre Wicklow, or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call us on 086 835 9148 to arrange.

On a bright Tuesday morning 32 pilgrims from the St. Mantan parish area, accompanied by Fr. Aquinas headed off to Lourdes.

Some pilgrims had visited Lourdes before and for some it was their first visit. A group of all ages we travelled in hope, prayer and faith.

Our journey to Lourdes went without a hitch, those more able bodied assisting those who needed a little help. Our hotel La Solitude was, as ever waiting for us. During our stay here we could not fault the food or the service we received.

Fr. Aquinas celebrated 7 masses for us, including in Cite St. Pierre, (City of The Poor), where we received the beautiful sacrament of the sick. We travelled to Bartres, the village where St. Bernadette lived for a time, and attended mass in the Church of John the Baptist, this day was the feast day of St. John the Baptist. Fr. Aquinas assisted the Bishop of Tuam celebrating mass at the grotto, this was a beautiful mass with other pilgrims from Ireland.

We took part in the lower stations of the cross prayerfully led by Fr. Aquinas. Some of our group visited the high stations and some travelled up the Pic de Jour to look down on the city and the sanctuary.

A very special part of visiting Lourdes is the baths. A water gesture is now performed as well as the traditional bath. This water gesture can be undertaken by more than one person, it is a very special, prayerful occasion that shared with a loved one is an emotional, spiritual event.

As a group we processed to the Chapel of Light bringing our pilgrimage candle to take its place among candles from across the globe. Our candle was lit as a beacon of hope. The intentions of our whole parish, our families and friends were remembered as the candle was lit.

A highlight of our pilgrimage was leading the torchlight procession. Together we followed our beautiful banner as we led the statue of The Virgin Mary to the steps of the basilica. The banner then took pride of place on the basilica steps during the ceremony.

The weather was not very kind to us while we were in Lourdes. Taking part in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament we were underground in the Basilica of Pius X. This does not take away from the solemnity of the occasion but enhanced it.

Fr. Aquinas thank you for accompanying us to Lourdes. Your ceremonies & homilies enhanced our pilgrimage. Your quote "we are supposed to be here now" was so impactful to all.

Nancy and Charlie Colgan, Carol and Annie Kavanagh, your organisation, thoughtfulness and kindness to all who were in Lourdes was outstanding. We are deeply grateful to you all. And to Fynn, you kept us entertained and were a great companion to all.

Our pilgrimage this year was a wonderful collection of like minded people who gathered and journeyed together in faith and Love.



Wicklow & Rathnew Pilgrimage

Lourdes 2025