

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY. WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday Year A

29th March 2026

Donal Neary SJ Gospel Reflections for Year A: Matthew

He has endured the cross

Our gospel today is long; it is the first of two readings of the passion and death of Jesus; we hear many sayings and notice events that are familiar to us and to all Christians. Maybe during the week we could take time to reread the gospel account, and watch what happens, going a bit behind the externals.

*We see Jesus being mocked, tortured, hurt, ridiculed, beaten and killed.

*We notice his fear in the garden of his agony, and also his willingness to go to the end for what he believes in and sees as his mission in life.

*We see him being treated unjustly, and a notorious thief being chosen over him for release. We see him on the cross, when he seems to feel neglected by his Father.

*We notice also the help he received - the silent sympathy and love of his mother, Simon's help carrying the cross, the sympathy of the 'daughters of Jerusalem', and even the faith of the Roman who said he was a good man, a 'son of God'. We wonder about how he felt with the mockery and with the help he received.

*We can identify with much of his suffering, in our own lives and the lives of people close to us. He is the one who 'has endured the cross and despised its shame' (Hebrews).

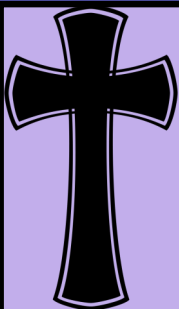
*We can often take comfort and consolation from the fact that he identifies with the suffering of the human race, and that his resurrection is the basis of our faith, hope and love.

Look at or imagine a crucifix, and pray as you feel drawn.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection,

you have set us free;

you are the Saviour of the world.



*Sincere sympathies to the families of
Brenda Byrne (née Riordan) Kilpoole Lower,
Blainroe, Co. Wicklow, formerly Church Street,
Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.*

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM	Jim Wadden R.D	
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Special Intention	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	Jimmy Clarke R.D	Mai Delaney & her brother Patrick Tuohy late of Mayo
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: Acts 10:34, 37-43

PSALM: Ps. 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9



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



On Good Friday, we will conclude our pilgrimage gathering at 12:00 noon, in St Mary's Church Barndarrig For a solemn praying of the Stations of the Cross, followed by Veneration of the Holy Cross.

Later, at 7:30 PM, there will be another opportunity to come together in St Brigid's Church Kilbride for a special evening of prayer and contemplation of the Stations of the Cross, through the eyes of Mary. Once again, the Stations will be followed by veneration of the Holy Cross.

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

22nd 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>€630 3 envelopes received</p>	<p>€805</p>	<p>€445</p>

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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."

Thank you

Thank you for walking with us on our Friday Lenten pilgrimage through the Stations of the Cross. We extend special gratitude to the leaders who guided the Stations, the readers whose voices brought the reflections and prayers to life, and the processional teams whose steady steps created a reverent focus at each station. May the peace and insight we experienced stay in our hearts, inspiring us to carry the spirit of this pilgrimage through every day.

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

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May the spirit of the holy week
touch your soul & all your troubles
fade away. Wishing you a

Happy Palm Sunday.