



*Gospel Reflections* **Losing and Finding** *Donal Neary SJ*

Giving up is part of life – you give up your time and money for your children and grandchildren. Parents say it was worth it for the joy in their faces. A person goes to work for the poor and gives up a better job. You want to do more study and know you have to leave some leisure aside that you like. In sport we sacrifice a lot to train and to do well. But something else comes through for us when we give up. If it's real and true we get back a lot. It seems strange for **J**esus to say – lose your life to save it. He's talking about losing good things, to get better.

This can be a big challenge in a culture today that is very 'me' conscious. We can find that personal concerns take total precedence, without enough care for others. But as long as one person on this globe is hungry or homeless or seeking refuge, the work of **J**esus is never done.

Losing life and saving life with **J**esus is a call to community, to neighbourhood and the world, to make our part of the world a better place.

**M**y own life may be my main concern, my circle of care may extend just as far as myself, ignoring care in a sustained way for the stranger or the out-cast, then I am called to the challenge of the gospel to lose selfishness, and find the generosity given in my heart by **G**od.

*Think ahead to today or this week.*

*Offer love and service to God.  
Lord, teach me to be generous in your  
service*



	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
<b>SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b>		Mark Bergin
<b>SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	Brigid Olson née Doyle (MM) Michael Boylan (A)
<b>SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	Mary (Ria) Brennan (A)
<b>WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>		

## KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH 8th SEPTEMBER 2024

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 120  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 380  
**2ND COLLECTION / SHARE FUND** - goes towards diocesan administration - € 275

*Many thanks for your continued support.*

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

To reflect on the readings please check  
[catholicireland.net](http://catholicireland.net) / [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie) / [universalis.com](http://universalis.com)



**First Reading : Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20**  
**Psalm : 53:3-6,8**  
**Second Reading : James 3:16, 4:3**  
**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



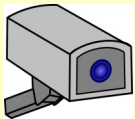
in the Star of the Sea Church, Brittas Bay.  
 Tuesday mornings from 9am until 10am

*The Rosary continues every Friday morning in St Mary's Church Barndarrig at 10am. Everybody is very welcome to join us for some beautiful time out while sharing the Rosary with one another.*



Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban  
**Celebrating the Journey**  
1924 – 2024

**You are invited** to join the Columban Sisters on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm** for their Centenary Celebratory Mass in St. Patricks Church, Wicklow. Refreshments will be served after the mass in the Pastoral Centre situated in the Church grounds.



**Don't forget that Masses in Wicklow can be viewed live on the pastoral area website, [www.stmantan.ie](http://www.stmantan.ie)**

**Mass leaflets are available in all the churches.**



**A Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride at 7pm and will continue every first Thursday. The chaplet of divine Mercy is a wonderful testament of God's mercy for all. Names of loved ones to be prayed for can be entered into the book which will be at the back of the church.**

**Upcoming Funeral Team Training**

**Funeral Team training for existing funeral teams and those parishes within our partnership who wish to establish a Funeral Team will take place on 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. (all three sessions to be attended) For those who have completed the funeral team training, there will be a further Funeral Team Leader Training( assisting and/or conducting a funeral service) on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.(all three sessions to be attended).The venue and time will be decided once numbers of people registered has been confirmed.**

**Please contact the parish office to express your interest in attending the training.**

## St Therese of Lisieux



Mass on Saturday 28th Sept at 7.30 PM in Barndarrig is to mark the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux.

“In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.”

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant count as nothing.”

Therese’s message is about simplicity and love in the ordinary events of life. Trust in Therese is important, and when she wills, roses or their fragrance may appear. The stories are remarkable how roses have shown up in the lives and experiences of people, especially in the darkest times. The ordinary and constant way these roses and graces have shown up in people’s experience is extraordinary. It is important to always maintain the rose of confidence that our All-Loving God hears and responds to our needs, according to the mysterious ways of His Love.

People are encouraged to bring their Roses for blessing.



Thank  
you!

To everybody who worked so hard to make the return of Bishop Donal Roche such a special occasion. To all those who donated and who collected money after Mass a couple of weeks ago for the gifts. To our choir who came back a week early for the occasion. To Aidan our sacristan for all the effort he put in on the day -our altar servers, readers & Eucharistic Ministers who we were delighted to have join us on the day from the other churches in the Mantan

area. And of course no parish occasion would be the same without our Parish Hospitality and as usual - the team pulled out all the stops and fed hundreds, a sincere thank you to one and all for all the hard work and lovely treats.

Bishop Donal was presented with a fabulous full Mass kit and a donation and Fr Aquinas was also presented with a belated gift on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of his ordination which was earlier in the Summer. Bishop Donal's two sisters Dympna & Jean were also surprised with gorgeous flower bouquets.

A final thank you to the Parish Office team for their help and input into the occasion.

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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