

# KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

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Third Sunday of Lent -Year C  
**23rd March 2025**



### *Gospel Reflection ~ Donal Neary SJ*

## God of the Second Chance: Consider The fig tree

This seems a rather strange story about Galileans being killed by Pilate. They were no greater sinners than others, but people thought they were being punished by God. Jesus asks us to repent, but does not punish the sinner. Repent is the word of Lent - and followed by the invitation to believe the good news of the gospel.

A fig tree had three years to get good. It is a precious tree because it uses little water. This one has not produced its fruit. Is God the one to get rid of the tree or the one to give it another chance? **God is the God of the *second chance all the time.***

**He** never gives up on his love! We may need to give **God** another chance. We know we get angry at times. People find that many good things can happen even in bad times. Let's have that faith and pray for it. **God** gives us chance after chance in our lives, as He wants our faith in him to grow.

We ask also that we now give the **Church** another chance. So this is a day of more chances, that life never folds up. We need to return more and more to the gospel and the goodness of so many people, which will lead us in our **Church** communities to **Christ**. We do not belittle some terrible things that happened, nor lessen our care for those abused, but ask to take a deeper step to the God who is the one giving and asking us for another chance!

*Renew us O Lord in love,  
in hope and in joy  
in your care for us.*



## PARISH CONTACTS

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**Office opening times**

**Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm**

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
<b>SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM</b>	<b>Brendan Stone (MM)</b>	
<b>SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM</b>		
<b>SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon</b>		<b>May Delaney &amp; her brother Patrick Touhy</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	

## KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

### 16th March 2025

**ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION** - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 700  
**1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND** - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 550  
**2ND COLLECTION/SHARE** - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 295

*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: Joshua 5: 9-12**

**PSALM: 33: 2-7**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians**

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

## 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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## Popes Intentions for families in crisis



Let us pray that  
broken families might discover  
the cure for their wounds through  
forgiveness, rediscovering each  
other's gifts, even in their  
differences.



# Bethany

Bereavement Support

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

## National Bereavement Support for Adults

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers a safe, compassionate space where you can share your grief and find comfort among others who understand. Our trained listeners provide emotional, practical support to help you navigate this difficult time.

Whether you need to talk, to be listened to or simply be present, Bethany is here for you. Our help is confidential and free.

You are very welcome to join us at one of our meetings. We meet at 8pm on the last Tuesday of every month in the De La Salle Centre in Wicklow. You can call or text us at 086 8359 148

**You are not alone - we are here for you.**

## Congratulations to all couples planning their marriage.

Don't forget to give 3 months notice to the parish where you live.

Your local parish is responsible for organising the paperwork necessary for the Sacrament of Marriage irrespective of where the wedding will take place.

Be sure to get in touch with the Parish Office to make arrangements to complete wedding papers at least 3 months before the date of the proposed wedding.



## 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 10th April**



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

Name.....

Contact Number.....

Address.....

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I thank God for  
always giving me  
Another chance  
Amen

