

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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30th March 2025



Gospel Reflection ~ Donal Neary SJ Give me my legacy ... now!

This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.

Look at a few things... the son had wanted him dead... '*give me the legacy Da*'. Everyone knew that. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return.

Look at what happened when he came home - mercy took over - the run, robe, ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness.

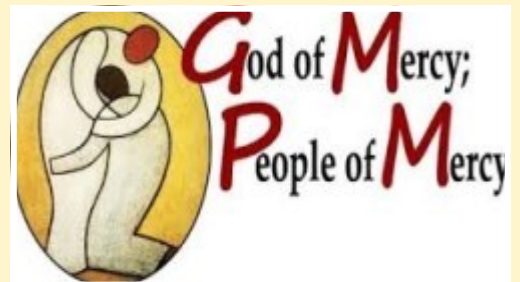
It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son.

The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong - often great wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our country now, but we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful.

And even when we can't do this - like the elder son - we are still loved.

The father says - *All I have is yours*. God gives his love all the time and waits for our response. Mercy may take time. And God has all the time in the world.

Lord have mercy, on me and on all who stray, today and every day. Amen.



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Office opening times

Monday - Friday: 10am - 12.30pm

	THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER	NEXT WEEK WE REMEMBER
SATURDAY BARNDARRIG 7.30PM		Mary Fanning - 1st Anniv Frances Barney
SUNDAY KILBRIDE 9.00AM	Special Intention	
SUNDAY BRITTAS BAY 12Noon	May Delaney & her brother Patrick Touhy	
WEDNESDAY BARNDARRIG 10AM	Special Intention	

KILBRIDE, BARNDARRIG & BRITTAS BAY PARISH

23rd March 2025

ENVELOPE/ CHURCH COLLECTION - goes towards maintaining our parish - € 55
1ST COLLECTION / COMMON FUND - pays salaries of Priests of Diocese - € 1235
2ND COLLECTION/SHARE - goes towards Diocesan Administration € 600

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: Isaiah 43: 16-21

PSALM: 125

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

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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- » Full religious programme including Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
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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, Monday, 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

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who both collected for and contributed to the collection for **EPILEPSY IRELAND** recently in the parish. A total of €340 was collected for which we are very grateful.



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

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 8359148

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

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