

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Second Sunday of Advent

6th December 2020



Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help”.

Following the recent guidelines during the coronavirus pandemic there will be no public masses in the parish from and including 27th November until 11th December. With the church closed for public worship, Mass will be streamed on the webcam at the usual times. Following morning the church will be open each day for private prayer until 4.00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday & Thursday at 10.00am,

TUESDAY FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY Vigil Mass MONDAY 7.30pm, Tuesday 10.00am

Friday 7.30pm MASS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TODAY

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

For social distancing the reduced capacity of the church is **45** persons. At this time since the Sunday Obligation is suspended, parishioners can fulfil their Sunday Obligation by coming to mass during the week. **SANITIZE** your hands. Wear a **FACE COVERING**. **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE:**

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-face-coverings>

If you are feeling unwell, or are showing any symptoms of coronavirus, you should not attend mass.

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DECEASED: Michael McIlhatton, Cargan

MONTH'S MIND: Jimmy O'Boyle, Kilmore

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Goretti Doherty, Fr Chris Nellis, Christine O'Loan, Kathleen Cannon, , Cassie Rowan. Patsy Hill.

WE STAND TOGETHER

Lord we pray for all who are suffering and bereaved.

At this time of sorrow, incomprehension and tragedy, we stand together.

In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick

and for health and strength for all who care for them.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8TH DECEMBER

FULL OF GRACE Three great events took place in the 19th century – all related to Mary's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception.

The first of these took place at the Daughters' of Charity Convent, Rue de Bac, Paris, on November 30th 1830. On that day, Our Lady appeared to a humble novice, Sister Catherine Laboure. She asked that she refer to the Church authorities and have a medal struck after a model of a vision, honouring her Immaculate Conception – a medal that, because of the numerous favours received by its wearers, has become known as the Miraculous Medal.

The second event took place in Rome in 1854, when Pope Pius IX (Blessed Pio Nono), solemnly defined on 8th December as a dogma of our Catholic faith, Mary's Immaculate Conception. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception affirms that 'the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of God and because of the merits of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the human race, free from all stain of original sin'

. The third event happened in Lourdes, France, in 1858. There, Our Lady appeared to a poor peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous eighteen times from February 11th to July 16th. At the Grotto of Masabielle on the banks of the River Gave, Our Lady confirmed that she was indeed that Immaculate Conception, proclaimed solemnly in Rome only four years previously.

These three events carried but one and the same message to the world, which was, that God wanted Mary's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception to be known and to be honoured universally. Mary stands alone 'full of grace' from the moment of her creation and will always remain as William Wordsworth so beautifully put it, 'our tainted nature's solitary boast'

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