

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Third Sunday of Advent

13th December 2020



“My soul rejoices in my Lord”

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday & Thursday at 10.00am, Friday 7.30pm

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.

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

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DECEASED: Henry McQuillan, Ballymena, Rosena Kelly, Belfast. Sean Devlin, Cargan. Kathleen Brankin, Glenavy

ANNIVERSARIES: John & Rose Connolly, Mary Hartley, Rosaleen Leech, Ellen Moore

MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Please Note

Due to the restrictions during the Coronavirus Pandemic, Mass at Christmas will be by ticket only. There are just 45 tickets (covid restrictions) for the Vigil mass at 9.00pm on Christmas Eve and 45 tickets for Mass on Christmas Day. Sadly we must obey the restrictions.

Tickets may be obtained by parishioners who phone the parochial house to reserve a ticket for either Mass. (Tickets will be reserved for parishioners who normally attend Sunday Mass and will be distributed by Fr White who will sign each ticket.) Tickets can be reserved and obtained from tomorrow evening onwards between the times **of 6.30pm to 8.30pm.**

I hope you will understand the reason for these arrangements during this Christmas period. Incidentally Mass will be said **daily** during the Christmas period to the New Year period and will be broadcast on the webcam.

IRISH BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference welcomes the encouraging news that a number of vaccines for COVID-19 are at an advanced stage of preparation and are likely to be available for use in the near future. The Catholic Church recognizes that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity." (**Welcoming Vaccines for the Common Good Press Release 9th December 2020**)

The Joy of Waiting

Advent is a time of joy – joy in the waiting and this Sunday we wear the joyful rose-coloured vestment. The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message. Voices of Advent to bring God near - The central message within all the voices of Christmas. God's Christmas voice is *I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final.* Not just a voice...but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. (Donal Neary)