

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



16th Sunday of the Year

18th July 2021



“The Lord is My Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want”

Although public worship has resumed, the following precautions remain in place. Face masks must be worn during mass. Hands must be sanitised on entry to the church. Please follow the one-way system.

FUNERALS Attendance at funerals is limited to 45 persons. No pre or post funerals gatherings are permitted.

WEDDINGS Attendance is limited to 45 people.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE can be arranged on request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM can be arranged on request. (Numbers limited)

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday to Thursday his week at 10.00am, Friday 7.30pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

DECEASED: Florence McCullough, Manor Park. Robert Milliken, Ballycastle
(Funeral in Culfeightrim tomorrow at 12 noon)

ANNIVERSARIES: Jane Devlin, Conor McCashin. Joe Hegarty, Mary Patterson
Sr Lucy McAllister, Shelia Fyfe, Kay McAllister, Arthur Harvey, Raymond Finney, James Fyfe

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £900.00.00.

PARISH FINANCE: THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to both of last Sunday's collections.

Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our
Lord. **Amen**

Reflection



It is a sad reflection that there are still so many divisions among those who claim to follow Christ. However, this is a reminder to us that reconciliation is not something that we merely wish for or give approval to. Being reconciled to those from whom we are estranged can be very difficult. Wounds do not easily heal and recognising our need to forgive and be forgiven takes courage and humility. The readings today remind us that our faith response to the difficulties we face as a church must always be rooted in the compassion of God. We are also reminded that teaching and learning will always be part of what we do as a Christian community.