

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



17th Sunday of the Year

25th July 2021



“You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires”

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 MASS: Monday: FEAST OF ST JOACHIM & ST ANNE
(Parents of Our Lady & Grandparents of Jesus. Mass at 10.00am)**

There will be no daily mass until Saturday Evening at 7.00pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

DECEASED: Baby Kolbie O’Boyle

ANNIVERSARIES : Arthur Harvey, Raymond Finney, James Fyfe

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £670.00

PASTORAL SERVICES COLLECTION: £150.00

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**

Grandparents Feast Day

Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which takes place for the first time this Sunday 25 July 2021 on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).. It is, a timely reminder for the world to be close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic. There have been so many unsung heroes and heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges

Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year "I am with you always", the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. Not only are our young people called to be present in the lives of older people, but so too grandparents and elders have a mission to encourage young people on their faith journey. Our parishes and communities are always enriched by the inclusion of grandparents, elders and the older generations.

In his message Pope Francis reminds us that the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that 'He is with us always'. Pope Francis tells us that these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us."

So let us celebrate grandparents and those of an older generation (both living and dead), who have given lives of dedicated service to their families and communities. We are connected with them. We owe them a lot and just as they took care of us in our youth, our society must make sure to do the same for them in their weaknesses and declining years. Maybe grandchildren might like to bring grandparents for a Ice Cream today instead of the other way round ! G. J.