

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



**18th Sunday of the Year**

**1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**



***“The Lord gave them Bread from Heaven”***

**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- Thursday 10am**

**Friday 7.30pm**

**WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am**

**ANNIVERSARIES : Stevie Cash, Thomas Moreland, John Joe Rooney, Sarah Watson,  
John Jude Delargy, Conor Healy, Jim McHenry**

**OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £860.00**

**PARISH FINANCE: THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed last Sunday's collection.

## 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

**W**e only have to consider the number of cookery programmes on television to realise that food is big business and that it has little to do with feeding the hungry. In the developed world it is about novelty, the exotic, what is really healthy. We don't want the same old thing over and over because we get bored easily. In a certain sense, this type of potent symbol for what is being addressed in the readings. To quote from Deuteronomy, 'Human beings do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. We hunger for meaning, a sense of purpose and if that is addressed then we can be truly content. This is what Jesus, as the bread of life, is speaking about. In him we can come to understand ourselves and be amazed at our own dignity and worth in the sight of God. We are, at heart, spiritual beings and if we don't address that, then we might easily spend our time satisfying our appetites and never our deepest need

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