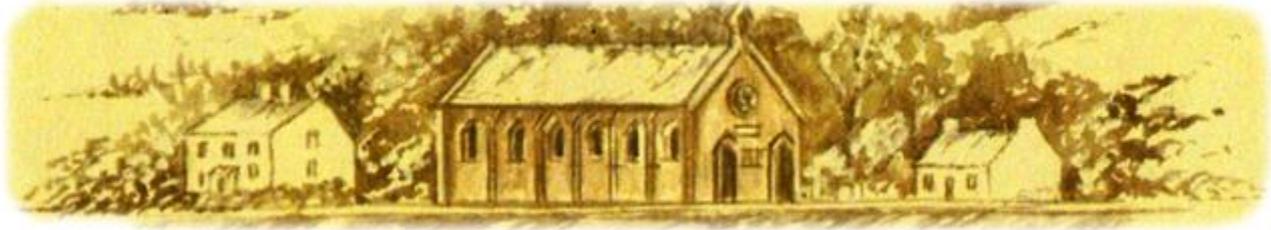


ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



19th Sunday of the Year

8th August 2021



“Taste and see that the Lord is good”

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

**DECEASED: Margaret Darragh, Carnlough , Margaret McAllister, Glenarm
Linda Curley, Devon.**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Annie Murray, Paddy Burns, Dan Kinney, Mollie O’Neill,
Kay McAllister, James Fyfe, Richard McMullan, Leah Quinn, Paul Clerkin.**

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £675.00

MONTHLY STIPEND: £420.00

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

We are invited in the first reading, to recognise ourselves in the Elijah story as people who, if they are to be faithful on the journey, need to be sustained. We can easily become dispirited either at our own shortcomings or at the failings of others. However, as we are often reminded in the scriptures, we must learn to rely not only on our own resources but on the guiding presence of God that directs our life.

It is probably true to say that it is almost a necessity in our journey of faith that we come to a low point. In the biblical tradition and in that of the church, all the heroes and heroines come to a stage where they too have to acknowledge their own weakness and utter dependence on God. This does not come easily to us because it can seem like failure. That is when we need to remind ourselves of what the Lord said to Paul: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' (2 Cor 12:9)

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