

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



21st Sunday of the Year

22nd 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: Alex Murray, Main St Waterfoot

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McAllister (nee Murray) Annie Murray,
Edna McDonnell, Dickie & Catherine Doran, Paul Clerkin, Greta & Charles McAllister, Bridie Gamble

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £660.00

CATHEDRAL FUND COLLECTION: £265.00

PARISH FINANCE: THANK YOU to everyone who contributed 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**

Our Choices



We remember big and small choices in life, Ones that effected life totally like a job, marriage, retirement, redundancy; having an operation or many more. Or we recall choices about the children that effected their lives – school, moving house, health issues.

Life is made up of many choices, big and small. Human, spiritual and religious choices.

Peter had this sort of choice today. Would he go after Jesus or leave like the others did. He stayed and he would have many more attempts at that choice. Why did he stay? Our choices come from something within us. We need Christ within us if we are to follow him.

Peter had enough of love for Jesus inside him to make this choice, it might not always be easy and he would give in later but come back. His choice eventually would be to answer Jesus' question – do you love me?

The choice for Jesus is the choice for love, in all sorts of ways. For those near at hand. If you choose Jesus then the hunger of the world as well as the tears of a baby affects you. What we do in love for others comes from the deepest part of life. We need to fill our lives with Christ to be able to share this love in big and small ways.

We need the company of other choosers. The community of faith and of the church. Peter says – to whom shall we go? We follow Christ together.

Donal Neary SJ