

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



23rd Sunday of Year

5<sup>th</sup> September 2021



“My soul give praise to the Lord”

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

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

**WEDDINGS** Attendance is still 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:** Pat Hume, Derry

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kathleen Healy, Kathleen Connaughton, Martin O’Boyle, Paddy McAllister, Tessie Dempsey, Seamus Kerr, Cassie McNaughton,  
Mary Murray

**OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £1135.00**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed last Sunday’s collection.

**Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic**

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**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

**B**y the time of Jesus many religious traditions were in place which served to differentiate between those who were on the inside and those who were outsiders. This led to divisions, inequality and oppression — the very things that the covenant was supposed to eradicate. So when Jesus reached out to the poor, to sinners and those on the margins he was bringing into focus once again the kind of world God wanted. His was a love that included everyone and which could not be bought. In commanding that the ears of the deaf man be opened there is a message to us all, especially those who think that their hearing is perfect. Our ability to really hear the good news can be limited by many things, especially closed minds and hearts. Perhaps as individuals and as a community our prayer during this Sunday Eucharist might be that we would be opened to all the transformation that God wants to work in us.



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