

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Mission Sunday

29th Sunday of Year Bulletin

17th October 2021



**“May your Love be upon us O Lord
As we place all our hope in you”**

**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.**

**WEEKDAY MASS: Monday- Thursday 10am
Friday 7.30pm**

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

DECEASED: Bob Taylor, Glassmullan, David Amess, Leigh-on-Sea

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Caulfield, Bill Woodcock, Marie Carville,
Kathleen & Mary McAuley, Arthur Harvey.

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £815.00

MONTHLY STIPEND £135.00

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to 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.

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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**

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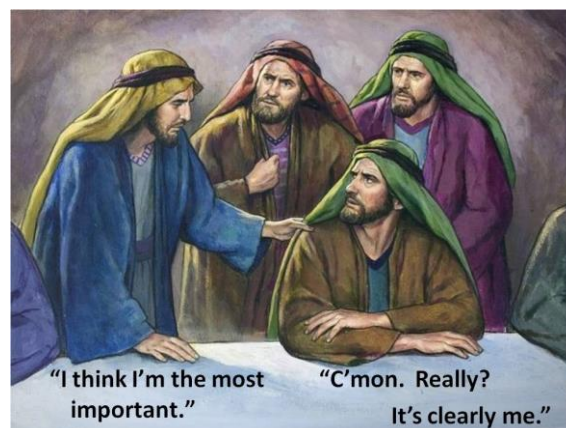
would like to thank everyone for their most generous donations towards the Ladies Gaelic Football Ticket fundraiser and the recent hurlers Sponsored Beach Clean. They would like to invite everyone along to the final fundraiser to help send the U15's to Feile 2021 in Tipperary later this month, a Coffee Morning at Glenariffe Community Centre Sunday 24th Oct 11am - 1pm. They would be grateful for your support if you can bake, donate prizes or come on the day

Prayer for Our Missionaries

Heavenly Father our missionaries are making plans and praying through ways to reach people and spread Your Gospel. Many of their ideas require additional feet on the ground. I pray, Lord, that You broaden their pool of labourers. I pray You touch the hearts of those who can go and walk alongside them in the task that You have given. I pray You grant the missionaries success in their search for volunteers. Lord, please increase their number.

We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

Reflection



It is a remarkable fact that in Mark, the first of the gospels, one of the consistent themes is that of the incomprehension of the disciples. Again and again, they fail to understand what Jesus is talking about and they are also portrayed as being afraid to ask him. They are presented as somewhat self-seeking and dull and at times even Jesus becomes exasperated with them (8:14-21). In choosing to present them this way, perhaps Mark was trying to tell us something: take time to recognise yourselves in this portrait of the disciples. The good news is indeed good but it challenges the values that we take for granted and are very much part and parcel of the world we live in. So when we choose the way of the gospel we should not be surprised that it involves a steep learning curve and we may well turn out to be slow learners!

World Mission Sunday 2021: “*We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard*”

Pope Francis:

World Mission Sunday – the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission – will happen on 17 October 2021. Coordinated by Missio, the Pope’s charity for world mission, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which are in need of our help.

It is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world via Missio. This special day is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It is a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression.

The theme the Holy Father has chosen this year is: ‘*We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard*’ (Acts 4:20). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says:

‘Once we experience the power of God’s love, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus’ relationship with his disciples and his humanity shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns’.

Our prayer, reflection and material help are a lifeline to missionaries in all continents who are striving to preach and live the Good News that God loves us.

World Mission Sunday is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in predominately impoverished and remote areas overseas. Masses and collections will happen in every diocese across the world, and every single donation supports churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

One of the wonderful things about World Mission Sunday is that every parish around the world prays for and financially supports our global Church. For example, in 2020 the Church in Bangladesh gave just over £3,000 and the Church in Malawi gave almost £18,500.

These funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries. Requested by the local community, the support from Missio transforms lives and creates a hub from which the young Church can flourish and grow.

On World Mission Sunday itself, we will be honouring the brave and selfless women and men already making a huge difference in some of the world’s most troubled areas. This year, our focus will be on Nigeria and the work of Sister Veronica.

Intense violence continues to rock communities in Nigeria, with fatalities, mutilations, and destruction of property devastatingly commonplace. The violence is essentially caused by poverty, and historical religious tension is easily manipulated to encourage division and mistrust.

To quell the tension and create a peaceful and harmonious environment, free from suspicion, the Women’s Interfaith Council was established in Kaduna, northern Nigeria, by the Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles in 2010.

The Council encourages women of different faiths to work together to build peace through training programmes. These programmes empower women and contribute to healing and reconciliation in their community. Sister Veronica has been leading the Council since 2019.

She shares: ‘When you train a woman, you train a nation. We bring them together as women and build peace. Every religion talks about love, there is no religion that talks about war’.

This World Mission Sunday, help Missio ensure selfless missionaries like Sister Veronica can keep loving, serving and sharing God’s peace.

Missio: today, tomorrow, together

As the Pope’s official charity for world mission, Missio enables Catholics in England and Wales to live out the call received at Baptism: to share in the Church’s universal mission.

And in the lead-up to World Mission Sunday 2021 (WMS2021), Missio will be here to help individuals, schools, organisations, dioceses, parishes, communities, orders and congregations in England and Wales to get behind this worldwide Church initiative.

Missio invites everyone to get involved in WMS2021, joining our sisters and brothers around the world in faith and renewal. You can find out more about WMS21 on 24 October at missio.org.uk/wms

