

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



**32nd Sunday of Year Bulletin - 7th November 2021**



**“My soul, give praise to the Lord”**

**The regulation for distancing is now reduced to one meter in the Church.**

**However face coverings MUST be worn during mass. Hands must be sanitised on entry to the church. Please follow the one-way system.**

**HOLY SOULS MASSES**

**Thank you to everyone who very generously supported this spiritual exercise.**

**Please join us for these masses for the Holy Souls during the month of November**

**WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am WEEKDAY MASSES Monday to Thursday 10am & Friday 7.30**

**DECEASED:** Lily Black, Ossian Ave, PJ McNaughton, Cushendall  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Peter Wilson, Bobby Sharpe, Alastair McManus,  
Masie Robinson, Bernie McGurk, Pat Hamilton.

**OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £965.00.00**

**WORLD MISSION COLLECTION £605.00**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's collections

**REQUIEM MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF 2020-21**

Will take place in this church on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**

**NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS** Envelopes and lists are available in the porch.

**TROCAIRE SOUDAN APPEAL** envelopes are available in the Church. Please return them before the end of the month.

## 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**

### A series of contrasts

The gospel is a series of contrasts – rich and poor, greedy and generous, arrogant and humble and it is not difficult to guess which of them Jesus is praising. The lady in question, a poor widow, may not even have heard the praise of Jesus but the disciples were left in no doubt where Jesus' sympathies lay.

He praises true religion in the widow who gave all she had in the cause of God. He berates the co-existence of long prayers and the greed which took away the property of people like this widow. The religious people of the day were meant to look after the widow and the orphan who had nobody else to fight their cause.

From the gospel we take the invitation of Jesus to give all; the amount given is not the big question, it is the giving of the heart. Jesus knows the listeners would cop on that what he was talking about was more than money – it was to give the first place in life to God and the things of God. That is the call to all of us.

The things of God we can glibly refer to are the love we are called to receive and to give, it is to care for other things of God too like creation, justice, peace and reconciliation. It is to give time to worship God in common and in private – to ensure a space and time for prayer in each day.

The widow of the gospel had a generous heart, as did the widow in the first reading. They looked outward to the needs of other and the things of god, and gave what they could in this direction. Can we not do the same?

*Lord teach me to know you more, love you more  
and serve you more faithfully in my life – St Ignatius Loyola*

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### Prayer for the COP26 Climate Summit

Loving God,

We praise your name with all that you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions

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for the poorest and most vulnerable,  
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.