

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



34th Sunday of Year Bulletin 21st November 2021

Feast of Christ the King



“The Lord is king, with Majesty enrobed”

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.

Lord support us all the days of life, however long or short that it may be. Until the shadows lengthen, the evening comes and this busy world is hushed; the fever of our life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy Lord grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

PAROCHIAL HOUSE CARPARK closed from after mass this Sunday until next SATURDAY 27th November for resurfacing.

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

DECEASED: Archie Murray, Gortaclea

MONTH'S MIND: Sam Hartley, Carneil Park

ANNIVERSARIES Jimmy Caulfield, Danny McKavanagh, Mary Keogan, Katie Graham, Jimmy Murray, Mick Quinn, Margaret McCann, Brendan McPeake, Peggy Mallon, Connor McCollam

OFFERTORY PROMISE COLLECTION: £560.00.00

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's collection

TROCAIRE SOUDAN APPEAL envelopes are available in the Church. Please return them before 28th November. Thank you for your donations to date.

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**

Safeguarding Sunday - Sunday 21st November 2021

This year, as Bishop of the Diocese, I have designated Sunday 21st November as 'Safeguarding Sunday'.

This is an opportunity for all the parishes to come together and acknowledge the dedication of hundreds of parish volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the Diocese. During the celebration of the Sunday liturgy, we will renew our commitment to the pastoral care of victims of sexual abuse as well as children, young people, and adults in our parishes. On Sunday 21 November at 3pm, I will lead a Prayer Service from St Peter's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to join online with me and diocesan representatives of Safeguarding for this Prayer Service. To join, kindly follow the links to the Cathedral webcam:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral> + Noel Treanor. Bishop D & C **Sean Goan**

Today's Gospel

For the last gospel of the church's year we return to John and this scene from the trial of Jesus before Pilate. Pilate represents the most powerful empire the world has ever known and lives out of a worldview that is utterly contrary to that espoused by Jesus. For Pilate, kings and kingship mean only one thing: a threat to the established order. For Jesus this is the language of the Bible where God is the shepherd king who looks out for the lost and bandages the wounded. For the worldly governor of Judea this is all a pipe dream; for Jesus it is a vision that will endure long after the Roman Empire has crumbled into the dust. By his death and resurrection Jesus has witnessed to the truth about God and those who search for the truth still listen to his voice.

Reflection

We don't know how many people witnessed the death of Jesus in Jerusalem. We know that some of those who did were delighted to have him out of the way at last. Others were heartbroken at the death of a truly good man and the shattering into pieces of a dream for something better, a new world order in which love and service would triumph over oppression and hatred. The majority probably just went about their business and reflected that really it is wiser just to keep your head down and say nothing. We can be sure that nobody there thought they were witnessing the death of Christ the Universal King. His kind of king-ship has to be learned and not in palaces nor in schools of diplomacy but among the poor and needy and those whom the world has forgotten. For our king is the servant of the poor and we only belong to his court when we do likewise.