

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



5th Sunday of Year 6th February 2022



“Before the angels I will bless you, O 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.

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

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

DECEASED: Eilish Donaghy, Cushendall, Mary McGreevy, Belfast,
Anne Manning, Holy Trinity

MONTH'S MIND: Bobby McMullan Sunday 10am

ANNIVERSARIES: Eamon Hartley, Margaret O'Boyle, Teresa O'Neill, Peggy McMullan, Frank Healy,
Tommy McCollum

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**

St Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater
wholeness in mind, body and spirit.
Amen

Let the reader understand *Sean Goan*

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Luke links the call of the first disciples with the story of a miraculous catch of fish. In so doing he introduces us not only to Peter but also to the mission of the church. Just as Peter's call comes out of his experience of the power of Christ at work/ so too all who wish to be followers of Jesus must first come to know that their faith is not in a creed or a code but in a person/ Jesus the Son of the living God/ and it is he who is the source of whatever good we may do.

Isaiah/ Paul and Peter all experienced the living God although in very different ways. Whether the experience is one of a mystical vision/ an appearance of the risen Christ/ or a miraculous catch of fish/ each of these men finds it a profoundly humbling moment. They all become aware of their own limited and even sinful nature but this is only the first step because each of them/ while very aware of their own weakness/ knows that they are called to make God known to their contemporaries. The paradox of faith is that even though an authentic experience of God makes us aware of our nothingness/ it is also the very moment when God makes it known that he needs us.