

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



8th Sunday in Ordinary time - 27th February 2022



“It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.”

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION - The guidance has changed and the rules relaxed which means parishioners can enter the Church as they choose. However, it is strongly recommended that face masks are worn and hands should be sanitized on entry to the Churches.

All measures to enable social distancing are removed and numbers are no longer limited.. Holy water fonts will remain empty. and the sign of the peace is still suspended. The obligation to attend Sunday mass is still suspended.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday -Thursday 10am & Friday 7.30pm

ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass 10.00am & 7.30pm

ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of Fast and Abstinence

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short- term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer.

PRAYER: " I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

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

DECEASED: James Black, Cargan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pdraig McDonnell, Margaret Reddington, John McKay
Maureen & Mary Doherty, Margaret Doran, Frank Healy, David Carney

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**

BINGO in Carnlough Community Centre every Sunday 8.00pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022 Full board in hotel: 5 nights (13th – 18th July) for £685.

Application forms now available from the Parish office or for further information contact the Pilgrimage office on 02890770162 email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org/Lourdes

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections For Sundays of Year C

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She must have a lovely heart !

Someone said to me of a friend - She must have a lovely heart! The Gospel today is about goodness inside and that we draw much from the store of goodness inside ourselves.

A way of looking at this is to wonder what makes us feel positive in ourselves about others and about the world. We have days when we feel truly grateful for much in life and in the world, and the store of goodness fills up. There are days when the opposite happens, and Jesus speaks of the 'store of badness'.

The store of goodness is filled up in many
-a good conversation with a loved one,
time spent with an infant in wonder of how this child is and will be,
listening to some good music and admiring good art,
taking time to pray and listening to the word of Jesus in the Gospel,
finding time to pray with others at the Mass or in prayer groups.

God in many ways increases our store of goodness and we allow this happen. You can find your favourite ways of bringing out the best in yourself.

We know of people we meet whom we always feel the better for meeting. Prayer and faith should always bring the best out of us: give time each day to allow the total love of God for us to reach us.

Another store of goodness is the goodness of self.. We can be too critical of ourselves and if so, we will probably find we are critical of others. Look this day into the mirror and give thanks to God for the man or woman you see there. If you look on ourselves with love, we will look on others the same.

Lord teach me your goodness.