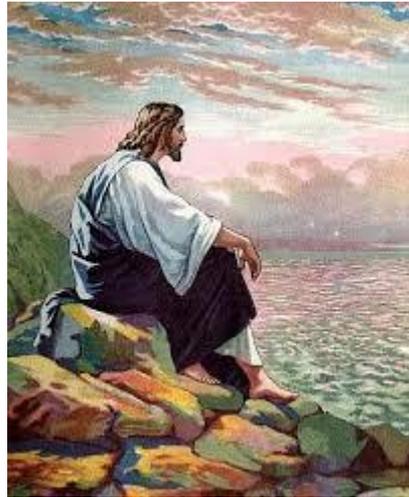


ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



1st Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2022



“ Be with me, O Lord, in my distress”

CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE - 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

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: Ann Sheppard, 47 Warren Park, Seamus Harvey 25 Main Street, Funeral Mass on Sunday at 10.00am

ANNIVERSARIES:, John McKay, Frank Healy, Margaret Doran Dan McManus, Carmel McManus, John Murray, James Black, Sadie Smyth, Con Emerson, Mary Hegarty

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

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Jesus tempted off course

Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted off course with three
temptations - to comfort, power, and wealth - three things that can take us over.

**Money, power and comfort can lead us astray....when we want wealth, to be no. 1 and prioritise
comfort in various ways.**

**He goes back to the word of God to find strength and insight to fight off evil - to the words he learned at
home, and at school.**

**A big source of energy for us is the word of God. On Ash Wednesday the invitation was to believe the
good news. That is where we may find life and strength.**

**We remain in the Church because of Jesus Christ. The word of God in his gospel remains life-giving
and strong. Today's scripture shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path. So too does
the unexpected, and scandals have happened in many of the national institutions. Church life may leave
us down and weak, but the spirit who kept Jesus strong in the desert will do the same for us.**

**A Lenten thing to do could be to read a bit of the gospel every day. Look up Sacred Space on the web
and pray from that. Or Pray-as-you-go. Pray your own favourite gospels. Read the gospel to the
children. Hear the word at weekday Mass. We look to the word of God to build us up as God's children
and community and find strength to use all in the service of God and others in love.**

Speak your word O Lord, and we shall be the better for it.