

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



2nd Sunday of Lent - 13th March 2022



“The Lord is my light and my Help”

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. Sunday attendance at mass still suspended.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday -Thursday 10am & Friday 7.30pm

Thursday Holyday Feast of St Patrick

Wednesday Vigil at 7.30pm, Thursday 10.00am

IRISH LANGUAGE COLLECTION taken up today after both masses

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: Seamus Harvey, Waterfoot, Paul Kelly, Belfast, Margaret Kelly, Kells, Greg Snyder, Philadelphia.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jim McLaughlin, Mary Dallat, Pauline McKillop, Tony Diamond, Lily Hamilton, Eddie & Annie Murray, Neil McGaughey, Francis Black Bobby Patterson.

St Killian's College All Ireland Camogie Champions.

We would like to congratulate our Junior Camogie team and their Mentors on the massive success of becoming the All Ireland Junior Camogie Champions on Saturday 5 March.

They defeated a very good team from Seamount College, Kinvara. Co Galway by 5:14 to 2:08. The girls are a credit to the whole community of St Killian's and their clubs. Well done girls and mentors

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

The real Jesus

Things are not always as they seem. Underneath a church that I worked in, are a series of underground passages that go on for about a mile! People are the same - when you are talking to someone and they tell you they are very ill, or recovered from addiction, you see more to them. Or you may find out that someone you thought little of visits an elderly person every week. People are not always as they seem. The mountain visit was the same: the apostles saw Jesus - son of God, radiant in prayer, and in the middle of it all the Passion was announced. They saw the person behind the face.

The big truth of Jesus is that he is intimately united to God the Father. So following him is not just action, but prayer that leads to action. We say someone is a great Christian - he or she helps the poor. Christianity is more - it is also prayer and the Eucharist. While we are thankful for the good lives of many people, we also can say that the full Christian life includes prayer and Mass.

It also involves community - the three were called to witness and help each other remember the Lord Jesus. Community brings the word of God alive in a real way. The community of the Church brings us to fuller faith.

Prayer leads to action for others, and action leads back to prayer. We can be so close to heavenly things that we are no earthly good! Lent brings us into this mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord - we are part of this, and we try to make life a grace for others. We can transfigure the lives of others, or disfigure. Let's be people of the transfiguration.

Lord show me your face - in myself and in others. Amen.

Donal Neary SJ