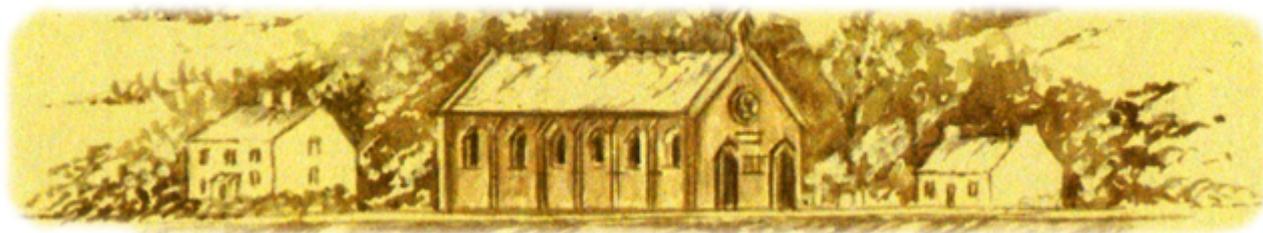


ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



3rd Sunday of Lent Year C - 20th March 2022



“The Lord is compassion and love”.

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

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."

UKRAINE SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

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

MONTH'S MIND James Black, Cargan, Friday 25th March 7.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Dallat, Liam Magill, Archie Murray, Orla Murray
Murray, Cissie & Stan Morris, Stephen Surplus, Mary & George Breslin .

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Prayer during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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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**

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

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God of the second chance: The fig tree

This seems a rather strange story about Galileans being killed by Pilate. They were no greater sinners than others, but people thought they were being punished by God. Jesus asks us to repent, but does not punish the sinner. Repent is the word of Lent - and followed by the invitation to believe the good news of the gospel.

A fig tree had three years to get good. It is a precious tree because it uses little water. This one has not produced its fruit. Is God the one to get rid of the tree or the one to give it another chance? God is the God of the second chance all the time.

Never give up on his love! We may need to give God another chance. We know we get angry at times. People find that many good things can happen even in bad times. Let's have that faith and pray for it. God gives us chance after chance in our lives, as He wants our faith in him to grow.

We ask also that we now give the Church another chance. So this is a day of more chances, that life never folds up. We need to return more and more to the gospel and the goodness of so many people, which will lead us in our Church communities to Christ. We do not belittle some terrible things that happened, nor lessen our care for those abused, but ask to take a deeper step to the God who is the one giving and asking us for another chance!

***Renew us O Lord,
in love, in hope and in joy
in your care for us.***