

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



4th Sunday of Lent Year C 27th March 2022



“Taste and see that the Lord is good”.

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
PENITENTIAL Rite Wednesday at 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 this 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.

PARISH ENVELOPES New parish Envelopes are being prepared for the coming year. If you wish to have an envelope to help support your parish please inform Fr White or one of the church workers.

IRISH LANGUAGE COLLECTION for three Glens Churches amounted to £743.09. Go raibh maith agat.

MONTH'S MIND Ann Sheppard, Warren Park Friday 1st April 7.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne McDermott, Kathleen McLaughlin, John James McLaughlin, Johnnie Kane, Annie Kenny, Lily Hamilton, Christine Kelly, Patrick McIlwaine, James Mullan, Margaret Ann McAllister



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**

Donal Neary S.J.

Give me my legacy now

This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.

Look at a few things... the son had wanted him dead... '*give me the legacy Da*'. Everyone knew that. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return.

Look at what happened when he came home – mercy took over – the run, robe, ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness.

It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son.

The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong – often great wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our country now, but we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful.

And even when we can't do this – like the elder son – we are still loved. The father says – All I have is yours. God gives his love all the time and waits for our response. Mercy may take time. And God has all the time in the world.