

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



5th Sunday of Lent Year C 3rd April 2022



**“What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad”.**

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: £6,500 .00

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

PARISH ENVELOPES New parish Envelopes have been distributed 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. Once again sincere thanks to all who helped prepare and distribute them.

DECEASED: Eamon Darragh, Loughgiel, Fr. Sean McGrath SPS, Ederney

MONTH'S MIND Seamus Harvey Month's Mind Mass 8th April 7.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES: Ciaran Mullan, Ann McAllister, Bobby Cosgrove, Danny Murray, James Mullan, Theo Laverty, Kathleen Woodcock, Eamon Donaghy, Marea Delargy

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.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.



This is a powerful story of justice and mercy. Jesus is on the side of the woman who has been accused of sin and crime. It was an unjust accusation, and the people who brought her had little good in mind.

Jesus offers more than forgiveness – he brings mercy. Mercy forgives with compassion and doesn't need lectures. It restores dignity to the victims of injustice like the lady in this story. It is the same in Jesus, for those who do not receive their dignity because of something they are, or something they did and are unjustly treated.

Jesus did not condemn; he turns the tables a bit. He simply says: *Anyone here without sin – take the stone and throw it.* Nobody does. In this atmosphere of darkness we need to hear something of the love and the mercy of God. Would light of mercy come into their darkness of condemnation? Would they leave their darkness into a personal space where they might have a change of heart?

This is also about the challenge to live honestly and without sin; and to be able to take steps like this woman's life, to move on. All hear this word from Jesus – I do not condemn you. This comes to our society and to ourselves. We need to hear this word for ourselves as often we throw stones at ourselves more than at others. What we condemn in others is what sometimes we do not like in ourselves.