

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Seventeenth Sunday of Year C 24th July 2022



“The just will live in the presence of the Lord”

Although the civil regulations may have relaxed the church regulations remain unchanged. Face masks must be worn during mass. Hands should be sanitised on entry to the church. Please follow the one-way system.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday – Thursday 10am & Friday 7.30pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

FINANCE: Sincere thanks for last Sunday's Collections

DECEASED: Fr Jim Madden PP Sacred Heart, Belfast, John Stevens, Cloughs

ANNIVERSARIES: Eithne Black, James Fyfe, Arthur Harvey, Raymond Finney, Paddy McShane, Kathleen Taggart, Annie McMullan, Joe Hegarty, Mary Patterson, Christy Graham

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4. Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections for Year C: Luke

Trust in prayer

Often I pray to St Anthony and I find what I was looking for. I can't understand why but it brings up the question of praying for what we want and need. People pray hard for an intention; some pray for ages and are answered, some are not.

We often pray for what may be outside God's control: that someone may give up drink, when the person may not want to; that children will be kept safe on the roads, but they are killed or injured with the careless and dangerous driving of someone else, maybe under addictive influence.

We are encouraged always to pray with hope and persistence, believing that we always get something. In the asking is the receiving, and we never leave prayer worse off than when we began.

For anytime we give to prayer, we get something. We are transformed. St Ignatius speaks of the effect of prayer - an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I began. In the knocking at the door itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow.

Prayer increases our trust in God, that he wants our good and is with us in love. **S**o we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he can. This is one of the greatest faiths of all.

Our Father,

holy be your name,

your kingdom come and

will be done within me and

in earth