

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Sixteenth Sunday of Year C 17th 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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK celebrated at Wednesday morning Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

FINANCE: Sincere thanks for last Sunday’s Collection

DECEASED: Fr Jim Madden PP Sacred Heart, Belfast

ANNIVERSARIES : Jane Devlin, Conor McCashin, Joe Hegarty, Mary Patterson
Sr Lucy McAllister, Shelia Fyfe, Kay McAllister, Arthur Harvey, Raymond Finney, James Fyfe
Florence McCullough, Robert Miliken,

4. Donal Neary S.J.
Gospel reflections for Year C: Luke



Jesus and hospitality: God's footprints

The half door on the old Irish house had many functions. It kept the animals out while allowing the family to look out. It also made for openness and hospitality for all who passed by. The traveller was welcomed and the one walking by could rest for a while. We were open to the world and the world to us, and we felt safe.

Hospitality was important in Jesus' time. He made many a visit to the house of Martha and Mary, staying there when he wanted to go to Jerusalem. They enjoyed having him - Mary just sat there listening to him - the stranger, now a friend, who told stories of how life could best be lived. I can imagine him telling the parables in their house.

The people then had a belief in the travelling and pilgrim God, the one who came our way often. The first reading is about strangers being entertained and the people didn't know that the Lord was visiting them. When we open our heart and home to the stranger and to the neighbour we are receiving God into our lives.

Our fear of break-ins and of robbery today is destroying an easy accessibility in our neighbourhoods. Casual hospitality is more difficult than in the days of the half-door. Maybe Facebook and Twitter and other social media fulfil some of this function, impersonal though it may be. We cannot live in isolation. **'Self knows that self is not enough'** writes the poet, **Brendan Kennelly**.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; please cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence, to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may today share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.