

## ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



**Second Sunday Of Advent 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

“In his days justice shall flourish  
And peace till the moon fails”



Although the civil regulations may have relaxed the church regulations remain unchanged due to the return of Covid in the community. To help limit the spread of the virus face coverings should be worn during mass. Hands should be sanitized on entry to the church. Please follow the one-way system.

WEEKDAY MASSES No Mass Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday & Thursday 10am Friday 7.30pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 7pm Sunday 10am

MASS OF THE SICK (Including Holy Anointing) Wednesday at 10am Mass

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Holy Day Mass at 10am

GLENARIFFE COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS FAIR

10 December 11am – 2.30pm

Help us raise funds for resurfacing the entrance.

Free childrens activities

Santa claus will be in attendance.

He hopes you've been good!

DECEASED: Seamus Hannigan, Garron Point. Frank Connolly, Layde, Cushendall

ANNIVERSARIES: Eugene McIlroy, Joe McGarry, Alistair Magee, Danny McQuillan, Conor McCollum, Rosaleen Leech, Caroline & Paul Mullan, Cassie Rowan, Gerard E Cosgrove, George & Peter Sharpe.

Donal Neary SJ

Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew

The straight way

Before the motorways a journey took ages, with twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight.

John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions.

John the Baptist was a man on one mission - to be the messenger of the one he did not know. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world. John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would go.

The human heart is complicated and we know that. We need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it.

God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide: no name-calling, no bringing the axe to the tree, but calling each of us his friend, and nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down.

Jesus would melt the snow to make a path, not hack at it and destroy in the process. Our hearts can be melted by the love of God and love of others.

Think of, or remember a time when you made a decision to follow the way of Jesus. Offer this to him again.

Lord God, make our hearts like yours.