

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



**Third Sunday Of Advent 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

“Come, Lord, and save us”



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

PENITENTIAL RITE Wednesday evening 7.30pm

ANIVERSARIES: Cassie Rowan, John & Rosie Connolly, Mary Hartley,  
Deirdre McShane, Ellen Moore, Rosaleen Leech, Charlie Black, Neilly Darragh, Mary Black, John McAlister

Donal Neary SJ  
Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew

Good news of God

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often wondered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed. He practised what he taught.

But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in helping others.

John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom.

The blind would see, and the lame would walk - these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

Pope Francis says:

'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something/ Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us - happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.

*Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and  
share this good news in word and deed with all whom I meet*