

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Fifth Sunday of Lent - 26 03 2023



With the Lord there is mercy and the fullness of redemption

Lent is a time for polishing up basic Christian skill Prayer: on one's own and with the group;
Fasting: practising simplicity of lifestyle with the group;
Almsgiving: making with other Christians a real contribution to making the world a better place for all God's children.

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: Monday to Thursday 10.00am

Friday:7.3pm

WALK WITH ME Lent reflection for each day of the season

PARISH ENVELOPES New parish Envelopes are being prepared 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

DEATHS: Donal McCashin

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne McDermott, Kathleen McLaughlin, Johnnie O'Kane, Annie Kenny, Jim McLaughlin, Christine Kelly, Lily Hamilton, Christine Kelly, Patrick McIlwaine, James Mullan,

Donal Neary SJ:
Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew
www.messenger.ie/bookshop/

A Human Heart

When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weeping over a friend.

His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there - the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence.

The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who'd give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint!

He is a good friend. Friendship gives new spirit.



When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more important than our own.

So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us.

*Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them.
Lord, help me to keep love and friendship alive in my life.*
