

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Fourth Sunday of Lent - 19 03 2023



The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

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

FOSTER CARE

'There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare a weekend, a few days or more to make a difference in a child's life? If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at [adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net] adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net or on 0800 0720 137....remember – every child is just one caring adult away from success'.

DECEASED: Margaret Scally, Cushendun, Vincent O'Loughlin, Ballymena father of Gary O'Loughlin, funeral is on Monday at noon in ballymena

ANNIVERSARIES: James Murray, Mary Dallat, Liam Magill, Archie Murray, Orla Murray Patrick Murray, Cissie & Stan Morris, Stephen Surplus, Mary & George Breslin .

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The eye of faith

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things - with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/ profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus ' You are looking at the Son of Man/ he is speaking to you.' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower, in a parent holding a child" s hand, in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage/ and notice that in many ways. God is near and the presence of Jesus is at hand.

Let this verse echo in your mind from the hymn: Amazing Grace

*I once was lost and now am found,
was blind and now I see.*

Lord, let me see you in the simple things of my life.