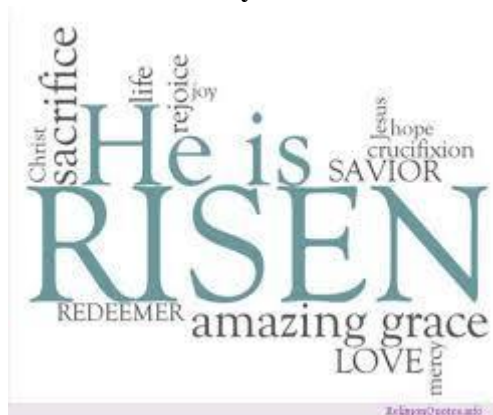


ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Easter Sunday - 09 04 2023



**“ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. Alleluia”**

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

**EASTER WEEKDAY MASS: No mass on Monday & Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday Mass 10am
Friday Nuptial Mass at 12.30pm**

TROCAIRE COLLECTION please return donations during Easter time

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's collections.

PARISH ENVELOPES New parish have been issued for the coming year If you wish to have an envelope to help support your parish please inform Fr White or Paddy McAllister.

RED BAY LIFEBOAT Fundraising Guild are looking for new members to help raise vital funds. Could you spare some time to help? See Redbay Lifeboat Fundraising Guild Facebook page for more details or speak to any member of the fundraising team or crew.

DECEASED: Mary Armstrong, Glen Rd, Norman Millar, Torr Rd, Patsy McKay, Tromra

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis Black, Mary McAllister, James Fyfe, Anne McAllister, Joseph O'Boyle, Neil McAllister

Fr Donal Neary, S.J

Alleluia - for singing, not for humming!

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Christ is risen - the women who came to the tomb found their joy in this. They may have found joy also in a beautiful dawn in the garden, or in their friendships, but the joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which nothing need take away.

The joy of the resurrection is a joy in giving the life we have received from God: 'Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others' (Pope Francis). The Alleluia is for singing, not for humming; it is to be heard from the voice of the heart, and should lift the hearts of those who hear:

'Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'

We often see great joy in the middle of huge poverty: often the poor can live for the present moment and enjoy it to the full. Sometimes in the middle of illness we find a peace we don't know from where it comes. The grace of the risen Jesus can touch our lives at any time. Let's not be like Christians 'whose lives seem like Lent without Easter' (Pope Francis). Having lived through the joyful season of Lent, our hearts are wholly lifted now in joy received and joy given.

**Alleluia,
May all the joys of Easter be yours!
Praise the Lord, pass round the Eggs
Christ has risen
Alleluia !**