

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Palm Sunday - 02 04 2023



My God, My God, why have you forsaken me

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.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Mass at 10.00am

PENITENTIAL RITE: Wednesday at 7.30pm

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of Our Lord's Supper 7.30 pm, Exposition until 9pm

GOOD FRIDAY Passion of Our Lord 3pm;

STATIONS of the CROSS 7pm

HOLY SATURDAY: Easter Vigil Mass 9.00pm,

EASTER SUNDAY Morning 10am

HOLY LAND COLLECTION will be taken up on Good Friday.

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: Ciaran Mullan, Ann McAllister, Bobby Cosgrove, Danny Murray. James Mullan, Theo Laverty, Kathleen Woodcock, Eamon Donaghy, Marea Delargy

Fr Donal Neary, S.J
Gospel Reflections for the Year of Matthew
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He has endured the cross



Our gospel today is long; it is the first of two readings of the passion and death of Jesus; we hear many sayings and notice events that are familiar to us and to all Christians. Maybe during the week we could take time to reread the gospel account, and watch what happens, going a bit behind the externals.

We will see Jesus being mocked, tortured, hurt, ridiculed, beaten and killed. We notice his fear in the garden of his agony, and also his willingness to go to the end for what he believes in and sees as his mission in life. We see him being treated unjustly, and a notorious thief being chosen over him for release. We see him on the cross, when he seems to feel neglected by his Father.

We notice also the help he received - the silent sympathy and love of his mother, Simon's help carrying the cross, the sympathy of the 'daughters of Jerusalem', and even the faith of the Roman who said he was a good man, a 'son of God'. We wonder about how he felt with the mockery and with the help he received. We can identify with much of his suffering, in our own lives and the lives of people close to us. He is the one who 'has endured the cross and despised its shame' (Hebrews).

We can often take comfort and consolation from the fact that he identifies with the suffering of the human race, and that his resurrection is the basis of our faith, hope and love.

Look at or imagine a crucifix, and pray as you feel drawn.
Lord, by your cross and resurrection,
you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.