

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Fifth Sunday of Easter

18th May 2025



“I will bless your name forever, O Lord, My King”

WEEKDAY MASS Wednesday & Thursday 10am, Friday 7.30pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7pm. Sunday 10am

CEMETERY SUNDAY 1st June at 4.00pm Leaflets & Holy Water provided.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION congratulations to the young boys who received First Communion this morning.

TROCAIRE COLLECTION please return your donations during the Easter season

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary McManus, Marese Finnegan, Kevin Graham

Thought for today

It is easy to love those who love you. It is easy to love your family and friends. It is easy to show goodness to those who are good to you. However, God wants more from us. He wants us to decide to love others, especially those who are unlovable. He wants us to be good to those annoying people in our lives. He wants us to treat right those whom we feel do not deserve it. He wants us to love as Jesus did.

May we follow Jesus call to love others, the way he loves us.

4. Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

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***The glory of God in St John's gospel
is another word for his love.***

We have types of love, and for most of us we find it in our lasting friendships, our spouses, our partners, our family – those without whom life would be so much the poorer.

Real love transforms. Opens the heart more and more. We get out of ourselves in real love – caring, forgiving, getting over things. In all sincere and outgoing love between any two people, God is present. Love brings God alive in us. Not the love that is in name only and uses each other love
But that sees the other as more important than myself



We say, *'love made him'*.

Parents say – *'I hope they find friends who will bring the best out of each other'*.

Mauriac writes- *"To love someone is to see a miracle invisible to others."*

The example of Jesus can help us at times when it can be hard to see goodness even in those we love.

Real love heals. Only love makes the best out of the worst. In concentration camps the survivors were often those who had love to remember or go back to. Even when things go very badly in life, the forgiveness of love can help us move forward.

Lord, help me to be truly grateful for love in my life.