

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

15th June 2025

“How great is your name O Lord, Our God, through all the earth”

A NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART will take place throughout the Diocese of Down and Connor beginning on Thursday 19th June until 27th June. Novena leaflets will be available during the week.

WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday & Thursday 10am Friday 7.30pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 10am

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to Sunday's collections

CEMETERY COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY £2340.00

LOURDES HOSPITALITE FUND A door collection to help defray the cost of sending the sick on this year's Down & Connor pilgrimage will be taken up today and next Weekend

DECEASED: Jeanne McCormick, Templepatrick, Sean McKeegan Cushendall

ANNIVERSARIES: Canon John McSparran, Fr John Marley, Fergus McManus, John McAnee, Charlie Black, Robert O'Connor, Mary Monaghan, Con Boyle, Harry Connolly, Peggy Newe, Fr Frank Harper, Eddie Harvey, John Sweeney, Mary Delargy, Jimmy & Nuala Ward, Mary & Kieran Patterson,

TROCAIRE This year's Lent collection amounted to £2750.00

LOURDES HOSPITALITE FUND final donations to this collection can be made today.

LETTER FROM THE IRISH BISHOPS REGARDING GAZA

Copy letter is available in the porch.

ANNIVERSARIES: James Bryson, Eddie Harvey, Alex O'Boyle, Patrick McDonnell, Mary Mort

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set them on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the steps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your kingdom. Give them words they need to spread the gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. **WE** ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

4. Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

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Beginning of time - wisdom

Wisdom, truth and love seem to be the themes of readings today, and that love will lead to hope. It's a confusing sort of feast, as we cannot understand the truth of the Trinity But we can 'hit' it from different angles.

The *wisdom* of God has been born before the beginning of time. Somehow *wisdom* is essential to God - and is presented very often as female. In celebrating the Trinity we celebrate and ask for *wisdom*, which comes from the heart of God. So this wisdom is the sort of wisdom that comes from love.

Love is 'poured' into our hearts by the Spirit. Connected with love are qualities we would want to live by - courage and hope. These are the gifts of the Spirit as wisdom may be the gift of the Father. Jesus is presented by the gospel as the source of truth. His also is the truth of love, as his truth is best seen on the cross, in his self-sacrificing love.

The most famous icon of the Trinity by Rugenev, (c/f well-known to us now, has the Trinity at a table and an empty space at the table for us all. *In one sense, they are not completed without us!* We are part of their love, and their life of wisdom, truth and love, which they wish to share with us.



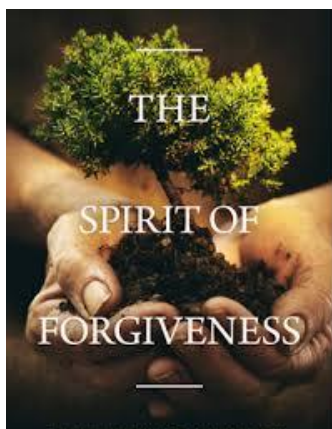
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end.*

Amen.

Called into following Christ

Pentecost is really something new! The first reading has no blarney no recrimination for the death of **Jesus** - only a new call and new mercy. The gospel is about the coming of the **Spirit** and the main sign of the **Spirit** is forgiveness.



There was a lot of need for forgiveness around in the first group of **Jesus'** followers. They had let him down and had let each other down. They looked around and like any group felt memories of hurt shame, let-down, injury and harm. They saw those who had abandoned **Jesus** and tried to cover up the sin; or they saw others who just knew they had done wrong and were sorry. All were forgiven.

And all are now called into the following of **Christ**. We follow **Christ** with all sorts of personal gifts, talents and sins in our back-pack. Like people on pilgrimage, we are cluttered. The **Holy Spirit** opens our hearts to let this baggage just fly away! We are people of freedom and of a new song.

What song do I sing in the presence of the **Lord**? One that brings me back into misery like singing of shame and misery or one that brings me into the freedom of the **Alleluia**? Can my heart dance with the joy and hope of **Pentecost**?



Ask this day for what gift of the **Spirit** you really want, and maybe include always the gift to be able to let go of hurt we have suffered from others or inflicted on them,

- to open the heart to all, and
- to forgive or if we cannot quite manage that,
- to want to forgive.

Holy Spirit, forgiveness of God, give me your true freedom.