

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



8th June 2025

Send forth your Spirit O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

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,

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.

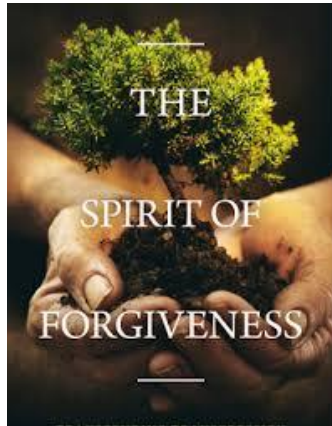
4. Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections

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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.