

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



21st September 2025

WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday & Thursday 10am Friday: 7.30pm

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 7.00pm vigil Sunday 10.00am

ROSARY & BENEDICTION : this Sunday at 7.00pm on behalf of the people of Gaza and Ukraine, for an end to war and for a just and lasting permanent peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Miskelly, Billy Peake, Mickey McLaughlin, Kevin McCann, Jack Mitchell, Mary Ann Tohill, Joseph Kenny, Eneas McMullan, Anna McMullan.

Care of creation

With infinite love, God has created all things and given them life. That is why St Francis of Assisi could call every creature his brother, his sister and his mother, only a contemplative gaze can change our relationship with creation and bring us out of the ecological crisis brought on by the breakdown of our relationship with God, with our neighbours, and with the earth that is the effect of sin. (cf Laudati Si, 66) Dear brothers and sisters, the place where we now find ourselves, seeks to be in line with the vision of Pope Francis, a kind of laboratory where we can experience that harmony with creation which brings healing and reconciliation, and to do so by developing new and effective ways of protecting the natural environment entrusted to our care. I want to assure all of you, who are working to realise this project, of my prayers and encouragement.

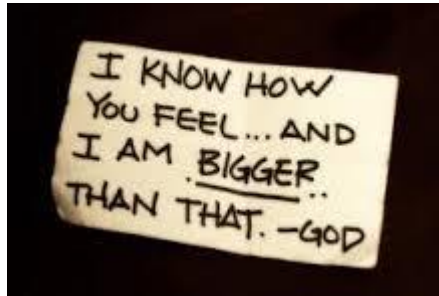
Pope Leo

4. Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections for Year C: Luke

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On the side of the poor (first reading)



Isn't it still the same as the first reading has it? The poor get the worst of things, and are diddled; it's quite contemporary. It is about greed and fooling the poor; raising the shekel - like raising the exchange rate so that the poorer countries get less dollars for their kwacha and rupees; golden handshakes for people whose greed is palpable and whose attitudes have left so many people hard up; money well protected and taxes avoided if not evaded. Our waste of food could feed so many. People are poor not through their own fault but because they are neglected.

How many of the poorer schools are becoming less well off, with resources such as special needs assistants taken away. Hospital care is getting worse, as people wait for prolonged periods for treatment. Mostly the poor will first suffer from economic mishap. God hates this - he hates mistreatment of his people. Jesus raged against the exploitation of the poor.

We pay tribute to the people who work for the poor and needy - in the parish; in diocesan and other social agencies, and our volunteers at home and abroad. Can we perhaps vote more for public representatives who really care for the poor?

The call to the Church is to care as Jesus cared; we need the harsh words of the first reading sometimes to waken us up, and the story of Jesus to make sure we don't fall sleep again.