

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



28th 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.

DECEASED: Elizabeth Connor, Ballycastle (Grandmother of Mark Dinsmore) John Dornan, Cushendall

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick & Joseph Kenny, Elizabeth Cosgrove

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

An invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass from the Irish Catholic BISHOPS' CONFERENCE.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, many Catholics have faced challenges of attending Mass due to health concerns. For those still unable to attend, the Church offers Communion to the sick and housebound. For those who can, it is time to return and celebrate the Eucharist together. While virtual options have helped (ie. the webcam) they can't replace the in-person experience of communal worship. Returning to Mass strengthens us as the Body of Christ, sharing in the sacred celebration. [Copies available in the porch.](#)

Thought for today

Why would a man leave his wife, aware before his journey even started, of being tortured to death? Why would a woman put her kids in danger on an overcrowded boat, with no food or water? Why would a boy hide in the under-carriage of a plane to get to a foreign country. HOPE Hope is the driving force that pushes us all, the hope of surviving, hope for a better life, the hope of salvation.

County Antrim Comhaltas 50th Anniversary Ómós na nUltach

St Joseph's Parish Centre, Dunloy

SATURDAY 11th October 7.30pm SHARP

Celebrate the Music & Stories of Ulster.

Tickets – pay at door or Online -- at TicketSource £10 Adults

£5 Accompanied Children

Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections for Year C: Luke

Faith in action: On fire with hope

This story of Jesus highlights the inequality of rich and poor. Jesus appeals to our sense of justice, right and goodness. There is no need for anyone to come back from the dead to warn us of this inequality. The doors between rich and poor can often be locked as were the doors between Dives and Lazarus. Those outside can only knock, protest and even try to break down the doors. The doors must be opened from the inside.

This message of justice and hope for an equal share of the world's goods for everyone is strong in the gospel of Jesus. His heart was on fire with the hope of a better life for the poor. He went to help them simply because they were poor.

The Christian Church, if it is to be faithful to the gospel, should be involved in many ways in the creation of a more just world. The Christian parish takes a special care of ~ the refugee, the migrant, the war and climate challenged,
~the new poor and ~the old poor,
~the unborn, ~The disabled (Mental/ Physical,
~ the sick, ~the elderly,
~ and the dying, in fact all whose voices may not be usually heard.

The parable is meant not to scare with images of punishment, but to make us as aware of the huge inequalities that exist in our world, and in the exploitation of resources in the developing world.

Maybe we can pray not to be tormented by any of the pains of this story, but be tormented into action by the hunger, poverty and injustices of our world. Maybe then more doors can be opened from the inside of wealth to the outside of poverty.