

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



7th September 2025

“ O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next”.

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

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 7.00pm vigil Sunday 10.00am

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS: Sunday at 7.00pm Rosary & Benediction on behalf of the people of Gaza and Ukraine, for an end to war and for a just and lasting permanent peace.

DECEASED: Shelia McAfee, Ballycastle

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Graham, Patrick McAllister, Seamus Waide Martin McGinty, Sister Marie Grignon Hayes. Archie McIntosh, Cassie & Cahal McNaughton, Martin O'Boyle, John Collins, Jim Haughey, Greta McAllister

Creation is God's work. Before humanity was, the rest of creation came into being. The earth and her creatures- indeed the whole cosmos have beauty, dignity and meaning before human presence. So to nurture awe at the wonder of creation is part of our calling. Look at the skies, walk in the fields, stand on the shore. Everything belongs, everything has beauty.

Formed from the dust of the ground we are a people intimately connected to the earth. All living beings, our life comes from the Creator God whose breath animates us. What will we do with the breath that flows in and out from our bodies in the time that is gifted to us.

4. Donal Neary S.J.

Gospel reflections for Year C: Luke

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Created Good

Giving up possessions is a huge demand of Jesus, It can be misunderstood and cause grief. What Jesus means is that we identify what it is in us that may block us being his disciples. Wealth may provide comfort status in society or the Church/ security, or whatever centres our concerns/ and whatever keeps us from acting justly with and for others.

Created in the likeness of **G**od we are created good. In each of us is the desire to nourish what is good and best in us. We wish to do the same for our children/ our pupils or anyone in our care.

We nourish the good in ourselves by prayer, and in community by good deeds and an honourable way of life, We watch the example of **J**esus and listen to how he teaches us in his stories. Today he asks us to know ourselves, just like the man building a tower plans what he has and what he can do.

Our goodness in life is a gift from **G**od.

We find goodness also in each other.

Good people make good people better!

Saints we like show us a way to **G**od and inspire us, and even help us.

The gospel is full of people trying to do their best and learning with fresh starts and after their mistakes how to follow **J**esus.

Goodness is vulnerable. We can try our best and fail. We make promises that don't last despite our best efforts. In the eyes of **G**od goodness is in what we do and in what we try to do. **G**od sees the goodness of the heart.

*Lord give us a desire for the good in our lives
and help us live by your good gospel.*