

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



MISSION SUNDAY



19th October 2025.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth

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.

DEATHS: Sean Clarke, Cushendall

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Lynn, Mary McIntosh, Ricardo Laverty, Mary McKeown, Eamon McGarrigle, Annie Harvey, Anne McKavanagh, Elizabeth Cosgrove, Sam O'Hartghaile, Kathleen McIlwaine, Patricia McAllister

Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV invites us all: 'Let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus, our Hope, to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world'.

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/eEwDtbZxt4c>

Holy Father's Appeal for World Mission Sunday 2025 Dear Brothers and Sisters, On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours.

When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities.

I urge every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. This October 19th, as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "missionaries of hope among the peoples," let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. God bless you all!

A passionate spirit

Irish people have long memories of helping the missions - collecting stamps, mission groups in schools, maybe aunts and uncles 'out foreign'. It is an essential part of the Church, because Christ is missionary, sent not just to one, but to all, to make a better world, founded on the gospel of Christ. Even if people are not baptised, the Church wants to point out the way to a truly human life - in the way, truth and life who is Christ, and committed to the world of justice

*With so much hunger, ill health, and lack of education, the missionary spirit is passionate about wanting to improve things with the message of the **gospel**.*



*Today we **pray** for all our voluntary **missionaries**, religious, clerical and lay men and women. They are helped by our prayers in what is often a lonely life for them. Maybe we might even think about giving some time in volunteering in the poorer world; or decide to vote for people who are concerned for the developing world and who will maintain our aid to the world in need; and we can encourage the young to think globally.*



*We pray for **courage** for **our people overseas** and also for ourselves that we can live as Jesus in different ways.*

***All are missionaries** as Pope Francis says -*

*'Each individual Christian and every community is missionary to the extent that they bring to others and live the **Gospel**, and testify to **God's** love for all, especially those experiencing difficulties. **Be missionaries of God's love and tenderness! Be missionaries of God's mercy,** which always forgives us, always awaits us and loves us dearly.'*

***May our lives be lived in love and service**
of you, Lord God, and of each other.*