

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



23rd November 2025

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

WEEKDAY MASS: There is no weekday mass this coming week.

Saturday Vigil Mass: Mass 7.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am

MASSES WILL BE SAID FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES: Jimmy Murray, William Graham, Colette Foster, Patricia Colquhoun, Paddy McBrearty, Isobel McNeillis, Bishop Farquhar, Fr Michael Cosgrove, Patrick White. Paul Rosbottom, Una O'Kane, Grail Jennings, Paddy Hughes, Paul Rosbottom, Una O'Kane, Paddy Hughes

Points to ponder

What is the kingdom of God? What is the kingdom of Christ the king?

The kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to its needy. The kingdom of God is a time. It happens when someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens when we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice or avert a war. It happens when people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith. The kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come.) The kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice and peace. **We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in His justice, and to live in His love.**

(Gerald Darring)

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Feast of Christ the King

Jesus couldn't do much for the man on the cross... his own hands were nailed. He couldn't take him off, but he gave him more than he could ask for. He gave him paradise.

Where is **God** in our suffering? What sort of hope can we find this week in our country? What with so many horrible atrocities taking place, and the economic mess we have. What has **God** and the **Church** to say? **God** in his love for his people, and the **Church** with its social teachings - have they any message of hope?

Where is **God**? **God** did not cause the recession nor the murders. We may learn a lot through it and good may come later or now. Our suffering at the moment is of human making. Not of our making, but of some of our leaders and bankers, mostly through greed. **God** is with us suffering like he was with the thief. He didn't cause the suffering of the man on the next cross to him. He wants our happiness and wants justice and prosperity for all.



God is with us, holding our hands, asking us to support each other. The **Church** will offer a place and space to find the love of **God**, and its social teaching will ask us to look for the common good in the future. It offers also a place where we can hear the **Church**'s approach to our economic future, reminding us all the time of the needs of the poor and the ordinary in education, medical care, housing and the ways in which the very old and the poor will suffer most in a situation which has been none of their doing. We are the **Church** and called on to make our voices heard for those who, like the man on the next cross, have little voice except to ask for help.

Lord, may thy kingdom come.