

ST PATRICK'S AND ST BRIGID'S GLENARIFFE



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

7<sup>th</sup> December 2025



**In His days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fail fails**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December The Feast of the Immaculate Situation - Mass at 10am.**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Funeral of Brendan Graham, Glen Rd, Requiem Mass 11am**

**Minor Church Works: Since work on the church paths is incomplete, please use the main gates for access to the church.**

**THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE CHURCH FROM THE CARPARK FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.**

**ST VINCENT de PAUL: The CHRISTMAS APPEAL** will take place at the masses on **SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. Your donations will be sincerely appreciated.**

**DECEASED:** Brendan Graham, 5 Lurig View, Mark Kearns, Glenariffe

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gerry Fullalove, Padraig Gibbons, Carmel Burns, Seamus Quinn, Deirdre McShane, Mary Hartley, Ellen Moore, John & Rose Connolly. Rosaleen Leech, Charlie Black, Foriff, Neilly Darragh, Mary Black, John McAlister.

## Thought for today

For centuries the whole world was in a state of advent. It was waiting. Until the Lord revealed Himself to Abraham, our ancestors did not know for what or for whom they were waiting, but ever thinking being knew (and still does) that our present state is not right. Injustice, violence misery; this is not how it is meant to be, and all of our instincts cry out against it. For us advent is the time when the Church asks us to look seriously at how real the incarnation is to us. How does Christ's coming affect the way we live.

*Donal Neary SJ*

*Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew*

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## *The Straight Way*

Before motorways a journey took ages, with many twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight.

John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions.



John the Baptist was a man on a mission - *to be the messenger of the one he did not know*. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world.

John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would take him.

The human heart is complicated and we know that. We all need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it.

God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide: no name-calling, no bringing of the axe to the tree,

but calling each of us his friend, and  
nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down.

Our hearts can be melted at Christmas time by the love of God and love of others, if we can just thaw out. Think of, or remember a past Christmas time when you made a decision to allow Jesus do this for you again - maybe it is time to try again this year!