



Paróiste Chill Taobhóige

Tithe Pobail Ghleann Fhinne agus

Leitir Bric

Third Sunday — Year A — January 22nd 2023

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Next Weekend Masses

(Dé Sathairn—Saturday)

Glenfinn: 6.00 p.m. (New Years' Eve)

(Dé Domhnaigh—Sunday 9.45 (L.B.) & 11 a.m. Glenfin.



Confessions

They are available anytime, especially after Mass on Saturday evenings



Aifrinn na Seachtaine

Tuesday 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday **10 a.m.** (No Mass Monday)

Envelopes 2023

The new envelopes were distributed recently along with new 2023 parish calendars. If your box was not delivered yet and you **would like** to have one for the New Year, please let me know. I have some spare boxes.

Fr. Lorcan



Special Donegal Pilgrimage to Fatima

Last remaining places 9-14th June ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal visit Saint Anthony's birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon contact James Treacy 061921470



St. Brigid's Day Table Quiz & Raffle

It will take place in the Cloghan Day Centre on Friday February 3rd at 9 p.m. Proceeds will be in aid of the services at the Cloghan Day Centre Teams of 4/5 €5 per person Refreshments will be served.



Commentary on Mass Readings the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

January 22nd 2023

There are three distinct parts in today's Gospel reading:

1. Jesus, the light of the nations and the fulfillment of Hebrew Testament prophecies; 2. A call to total conversion, to live in that light; 3. Early responses to the call. After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus moves up north to Galilee. It is his home province. It is where he will begin his public life. A note about John's "arrest". The verb in the original Greek is *paradidomi*, which literally means to "hand over". This is a theme word which goes right through the Gospel: John the Baptist was handed over – and executed (by King Herod); Jesus was handed over – and executed (by both Jews and Gentiles – he died for all); Many of Jesus' disciples were handed over – and some were executed (mainly by Gentiles). And this "handing over" has been happening to disciples ever since, down to our own day. Paradoxically, persecution can always be the expected result of living the Gospel of truth and love. At the consecration during every Eucharist, the celebrant says: *Take this all of you and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.* the Body of Christ is also "handed over" to us. And we, in turn, collectively as the Body of Christ in the Christian community, are expected to continue that handing over of ourselves in the service of the Gospel and the promotion of the Kingdom.

A *Prayer for the Disappeared* was launched by the Wave Trauma organisation in November. There are still a number of families who are still awaiting the return of the bodies of their loved ones after many decades. We have been asked to encourage people to pray for the return of the Disappeared. Copies of the prayer in A6 format for distribution in our diocese will be available over the next few weeks in each parish and you are encouraged to pray the prayer



COUNTY KILDARE CALLS FOR A PAUSE FOR PEACE ON SAINT BRIGID'S DAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 2023.

Pause for Peace will see the residents of County Kildare (Ireland) calling on people all around the world to stop for a minute's silence at 12.00 noon (local time) on St Brigid's day, the 1st of February 2023.

Isaac Butt Centre Draw:

The winners of the Draw in November, December and January will be in the Newsletter next weekend. The next Draw will take place on Wednesday 25th January. We are very grateful to Robert Ryan, the winner of the €500 prize in November, for donating his prize to the Day Care Services.



Retirement Appreciation Function

The Glenfin Area Council would like to invite **all of you** to a function taking place in the **Cloghan Day Centre** at **6 p.m.** on **Sunday January 29th** as our way, in the Glenfin Community, of showing our appreciation to Sergeant Kieran McGrath who retired in 2020 from An Garda Síochána.

APPEAL

I am very short of help at the moment for the cleaning of the Glenfin chapel and for taking up the Offertory collection baskets. Cleaners urgently needed for February. Please let me if you can help. Thank you.

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Arranged Masses

Saturday 21st 6 p.m.

Jimmy Campbell

2nd Anniversary

Sunday 22nd 11 a.m.

Charlie McNulty

Month's Mind

Tuesday 24th 7 p.m.

Eddie Coyle 11th Anniversary.

Saturday 28th 6 p.m.

Margo McGinley

Month's Mind Mass

Sunday 29th January 11 a.m.

James Morrow

3rd Anniversary

Saturday 4th February 6 p.m.

Brid Bonner (4th) & Martin Bonner (1st) Anniversaries.