



Local Priest: Fr. Jim Lenihan, P.P.

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GBC Radio: 98.6fm for all Masses from Glenflesk Church.

Masses: Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th July

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 20th 6.00pm Noreen O'Donoghue, Anemore (Anni)
 Neilie, Joanie & Bruddy O'Connell,
 Station Road, Headford (Anni)

Saturday 27th 6.00pm Mass

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 21st 9.30am Mass

Sunday 28th 9.30am Mass

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 21st 11.00am Nora Moynihan, Headford (Anni)

Sunday 28th 11.00am Ursula O'Donoghue, Barraduff (1st Anni)

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS: Monday Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998

Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

NOTICES

COLLECTIONS: Offertory: €1,385. Thank you.

ADORATION: Every Monday in the Sacred Heart Church from 10 am to 1 p.m.

St. Agathas 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Our Lady of the Wayside 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE: the Office will be open from **10am to 1pm** for **July/August**.

PRAYERS & SYMPAHTY: To the family of Abbey (Chris) O'Sullivan (née Looney), Artigallivan, Headford & Tullig whose funeral took place on Wednesday in Barraduff. May Chris rest in peace.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: We are updating our order at present. As there is a minimum order, we are now asking parishioners to hand in their names at the Sacristy if they wish to order a regular copy of this Catholic Newspaper. Price €3.

WATER BOTTLES: At present we are very short of bottles to fill for Holy Water to leave in the Church's. If you have 500ml or 750ml bottles you would like to donate to any of the Church's we would be most grateful.

KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST: A bus from Glenflesk parish is being organised for this pilgrimage (subject to sufficient numbers). If interested in travelling contact 087 2547361.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: For those in our parish who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at the 6pm Vigil Mass in St. Agatha's Church, Glenflesk on Saturday 17th August. Please spread the word to those who were married in our parish and are now living elsewhere. Contact the Parish Office before Tuesday 30th July.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE 2024: Sunday 28th July - Theme "DO NOT CAST ME OFF IN MY OLD AGE" - Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio of Ireland will lead the Pilgrimage and the celebration at Knock Shrine. Schedule: 2.30pm Anointing of the sick in the Basilica - 3pm Pilgrimage Mass followed by the Rosary Procession. Plenary indulgence granted for the occasion. Those unable to join can watch online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

Monsignor Charles Pope recently gave a beautiful insight into a recent Gospel we had about three weeks ago where the woman touches the hem of Jesus' garment. The question from Jesus was 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' Monsignor Pope stressed that Jesus specifically said 'touched' not bumped up against!! And there's a massive difference. Jesus knew the faith, the humility, the desire for healing, Jesus knew the intentionality of this woman who knew exactly who He was, not like the crowd almost accidentally bumping up against Jesus. They didn't fall down on their knees in faith and humility before him. So the question is when you come forward to receive Jesus in the Eucharist do you approach Jesus like the woman and 'touch' Him or do you receive communion like the crowd who in a careless and thoughtless way just bump up against Him. I bring all this up because during the week about 10 people asked my opinion on the recent controversy of a politician being refused holy communion but I think there's a bigger elephant in the room. And that is: have we as Catholics lost our understanding of what the Eucharist really is? How many of us have the humility to fall on our knees and acknowledge our unworthiness to receive the Creator and Redeemer of the universe God Himself. Instead we puff ourselves up to think we have a right to receive Holy Communion. The truth is none of us are worthy to receive God, even the saints themselves always acknowledged that. But by God's grace and mercy He has given us Himself that we'll receive Him with love and faith and know that by receiving The Body of Christ in Holy Communion is a public aligning of oneself to all His Church's teachings. So living and professing contrary beliefs is sacrilegious, scandalous and a very grave sin. The question I was asked would I publicly refuse a person communion? The answer is no. I would preach the seriousness of not receiving Jesus in a state of grace but I would never act as their conscience. Everyone must ask themselves do we touch Jesus with faith and love or do we approach Him with indifference and bump up against Him?