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

Masses: Saturday 27th July to Sunday 4th August

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 27th 6.00pm Mass

Saturday 3rd 6.00pm Mass

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 28th 9.30am Mary B, Florrie, Farrell and deceased members of the O'Donoghue Family, Carrigavimo

Sunday 4th 9.30am Mass

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

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

Sunday 4th 11.00am Mícheál O'Donoghue, Barraduff (Months Mind)

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Fr. Joe Begley 087 6501998

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

Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

NOTICES

COLLECTIONS: Offertory: €1,590. Thank you.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: 3rd/4th August in aid of the Pastoral Centre.

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.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: will be on Thursday 1st August at 3pm in The Church of the Sacred Heart, Barraduff. All are welcome

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

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.

FAN THE SPARK: is the name of a young adult Catholic faith conference (ages 18-40) organised by the Legion of Mary, being held on August 24th, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in De Montfort House, Morning Star Ave, Brunswick St, Dublin 7. Contact deusetpatria@gmail.com for more information.

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 this Tuesday 30th July.

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.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL: 15th to 18th August in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. Ages 16-35. Donation only. Buses free. www.youth2000.ie

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

This weekend we celebrate the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year B. Why do I point this out? Because it is a very significant Sunday - it marks an interruption in our semi continuous reading through the Gospel of Mark and the insertion of a very important chapter from the Gospel of John, that is the famous chapter called the Bread of Life Discourse from John 6. If you've ever studied anything about the Eucharist you'll know that John 6 is one of the central passages in the entire Bible that teaches us about the reality and the mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. So what the church does is during Year B she takes five weeks off from focusing on the Gospel of Mark and instead uses five Sundays in a row to walk step-by-step through the account of Jesus' actions in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, beginning with today's gospel which is the feeding of the 5000. So for these 5 Sundays what we should do is just pay close attention to the significance of these Gospel readings and we'll see as we move through the next five Sundays why the church thinks that these passages are so important that every third year, when we're studying the Gospel of Mark, she interrupts that Gospel to focus our attention on one of the foundational texts in the New Testament for our belief in the Eucharist, which is the source and the summit of the Christian life. Our Gospel today begins chapter 6 of John's Gospel with the miracle (or as St. John calls them signs) of the loaves and fishes. Scott Hahn and his wife Kimberly who were both protestant biblical scholars once dedicated themselves to prove that Catholics misinterpreted John chapter 6 and Jesus didn't intend to be literal when He said 'unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood' (John 6:53) and when they completed their deep investigation they both realised that the Catholic Church got it right and they both converted. Please God the Catholics who've lost their faith in the Eucharist will rediscover what Scott and Kimberly realised that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, body, blood, soul and divinity and hopefully over these 5 weeks as we meditate on the Gospel we may also discover the amazing love that inspires the Eucharist.