



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

Parish Office: St. Agatha's Parish Centre, Headford, Killarney. V93 X0C2.

Office Hours : Mon/Tues 10am - 1pm to book Masses, Baptisms, Weddings.

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

Masses: Saturday 6th July to Sunday 14th July

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 6th	6.00pm	Lynsdya O'Donoghue, Corracow (Anni)
Friday 12th	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 13th	6.00pm	Michael O'Riordan, Shronaboy (Anni) & his brother in law Denis Casey

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 7th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Mass

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 7th	11.00am	Sonny Dennehy, Cornhill (Anni) DD Slattery & deceased of the Slattery family, Carrigeen & the Falvey family, Upper Barraduff
Wednesday 10th	9.30am	Mass for the people of the parish
Sunday 14th	11.00am	Andrew O'Leary, Currow (Anni) John Moynihan, Knockdurath (Rec Dec) & Tim & Mary Anne Moynihan & Julia Judge

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998

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

Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

NOTICES

COLLECTIONS: **Offertory:** €1,563. **Renovation:** (June) €1,645. Thank you.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: on 6th/7th July for Sick & Retired Priests.

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.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To the family of Micheál O'Donoghue, Barraduff, Headford & Droumnaheere whose funeral took place on Wednesday in Barraduff.

May Micheál Rest In Peace.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that for the months of **July & August** the Parish Office will be open from **10am to 1pm**. For all office queries outside of office hours please email glenflesk@dioceseofkerry.ie

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. You might kindly contact the Parish Office with details of your anniversary before Tuesday 30th July.

THE ANNUAL PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK will take place on Sunday 21st July. Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. All welcome.

REEKS SUNDAY: National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick on Sunday 28th July. See posters or www.westportparish.ie for more details.

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

In today's Gospel it states, 'This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?'. This line is often used to question the virginity of Mary and suggest that Mary went on to have more children. Professor Brant Pitre corrects this misunderstanding in this way: 'Mark's gospel itself and Jesus' own words give us reason to believe that when Mark mentions the brothers of Jesus he is not referring to children of Mary. Notice actually that they're never called the sons of Mary, they're just called the brothers of Jesus, because if they were called the children of Mary that would be a whole different ball game, but Mark's gospel itself never calls these brothers or sisters of Jesus the children of Mary but rather gives us evidence to believe that two of them, James and Joseph, are in fact the sons of another woman named Mary, who Mark very tellingly calls the mother of James and Joseph and not the mother of Jesus.' So what Brant Pitre is explaining here is that these brothers and sisters of Jesus are cousins of Jesus. In another place Brant Pitre also points out that if Mary had other children after Jesus why did Jesus put his mother Mary into the care of John at the foot of the cross. To conclude I'd like to refer to the catechism. The Church celebrates Mary as Aeiparthenos, the "Ever-virgin." Against this doctrine the objection is sometimes raised that the Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus [Cf. Mk 3:31-35;6:3]13 (Today's Gospel). The Church has always understood these passages as not referring to other children of the Virgin Mary. In fact James and Joseph, "brothers of Jesus," are the sons of another Mary, a disciple of Christ, whom St. Matthew significantly calls "the other Mary." [Mt 13:55; 28:1; cf. Mt 27:56] Finally I'd really encourage you to check out Brant Pitre on 'Catholic Productions'. He's excellent.