

# St. James' Glenbeigh - St. Stephen's Glencar

**1st. December 2024 - 1st. Sunday of Advent**

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**Priest on call this Sunday**

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**We Pray for our dead: Timmy (Shine) Griffin, Leeds UK & formerly of Ballinakilla Upper, Glenbeigh, who passed away recently. Funeral to take place in Leeds: and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time .**

## St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries

Date		Time	
Sun	1	11:30 am	John & Mary McGaw, daughter Drenda & John Kilmezak
Mon	2	7:30 pm	Private Intention
Tue	3	6:00 pm. 6:30 pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</b> John Pigot - Treanmanagh
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Thu	5	7:30 pm.	Brian Looney - KeelKeigh
Fri	6	7:30 pm.	Timmy (Shine) Griffin, Leeds & Ballinakilla
Sat	7	6:00 pm	<b>Parish Vigil Mass St Stephen's Church Glencar</b>
Sun	8	11:30 am.	John O' Shea - Ballinakilla

## St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries

Sat	7	6:00 pm.	John & Hannah & Michael O' Mahony - Lyranes, Glenvar
Tue	3	7-8 pm	<b>Advent Evening Prayer &amp; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
Sat	14	6:00 pm.	Johnny Murphy - Doora

### Praying the Pope's Intentions This Month.

**For Pilgrims of Hope:** Let us pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian Hope.

### Carols from the Cathedral

in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation on Sunday 1st December, in St. Mary's Cathedral, at 7.30pm It will feature Kerry Concert Choir, the Kerry Scotia Ensemble and a professional string orchestra. Tickets on the door or on EventBrite



### Ministries Next Sunday

**Minister of the Word**

**Brian Cahill - Rossbeigh**  
**Minister/s of the Eucharist**

**Margaret Breen - The Village**  
**Maura Lyons - The Village**



### CHRISTMAS DUES

The red envelope in your Box of envelopes are due at this time or you may use one of Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope over the next 3 weekends. Many thanks for your support during the year.

### DUES OUTSTANDING

**Parishioners with other dues outstanding** are asked to submit their outstanding dues along with their Christmas Dues.

**I thank all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially and support me through their dues.**

**Diocesan Collection** The annual Diocesan collection for Kerry Diocesan Youth Service will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

### Advent begins today.

During these days, we look forward, waiting in hope. We watch for the end times, when Christ will come in glory, Christ who was born for us 2,000 years ago.

### Advent Wreath Blessing

Let us pray (pause)

Father, all powerful Lord of Light, bless + our wreath of evergreens. May the increasing light of these candles brighten our minds and hearts to be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, so that we are ready again to receive in true peace Jesus, the Light of the World, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Introduction to the Scripture Readings

**Jeremiah 33:14-16** Jeremiah's prophecy looks to the day when a son of David will bring salvation. Christians see this fulfilled in **Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 3:12 to 4:2** Grow in love, says Paul; be blameless when the Lord comes in glory.

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36** Jesus warns his followers to be vigilant.

### Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospel, Lk21 25:28,34-36

1. We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and for our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?

2. Our church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked the church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances?

3. This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.

4. Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. 9 sense of being watchful in prayer) and hope made to you in facing difficult situations?

➔ 5. Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc.?



### Bambinelli Sunday 3rd. Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" in our Parish on 3rd. Sunday of Advent Sunday at the Vigil Mass in Glencar on Saturday 16th. December at 6pm. and at the Sunday Morning Mass in Glenbeigh on the 15th. December at 11:30 am.

All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass in Glencar or in Glenbeigh to be blessed. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in the crib.

Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.



### First Friday Communion

Next Friday is the First Friday. Communion at the usual times. Confession and the Sacrament of the Sick is available on request to all on the First Friday list. If you or a family member are housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please contact the Parish Office.

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