

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

15 December 2024 - 3rd. Sunday in Advent

**** **Gaudete Sunday** ****

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We Pray for our dead: and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries

Date	Time	Intention
Sun 15	11:30	John O' Shea - London & Coolnaharriagle
Mon 16	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Nora & Mike Mahony -Tralee Christmas Confessions with visiting Priest
Tue 17	6:30 pm	Mike Ned & Mary O' Sullivan - Rossbeigh
Wed 18		
Thu 19	7:00 pm.	Tommy Cahill - Rossbeigh
Fri 20	7:30 pm.	John & Hannah & Johnny Sweeney - Curraheen
Sat 21	6:00 pm	Parish Vigil Mass St Stephen's Church Glencar
Sun 22	11:30 am.	Michael Grady - Killorglin

St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries

Sat 14	6:00 pm.	Pat and John Foley - Boheshil, Glencar
Tue 17	7-8 pm	Advent Evening Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Glenbeigh Church 5pm & 8pm
Glencar Church 6:30n pm.

Christmas Day

Glencar Church 10:15 am.
Glenbeigh Church 11:30 am.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS
With a Priest of the Pastoral Area
Monday 16th, December at 8pm.

Other Times
After Mass in Glenbeigh
Tuesday, Friday
Glencar after the vigil Mass on Saturday.



2025, A Jubilee Year in the Church. A Jubilee Year is held every twenty five years. Pope Francis will officially open the year by opening a Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, Rome on Christmas Eve. The beginning will be celebrated worldwide on the following Sunday, 29th December Feast Day of the Holy Family in every diocese worldwide, and thus at all our Masses that weekend. Pope Francis has chosen the Jubilee theme "Pilgrims of Hope".



Ministries Next Sunday
Minister of the Word
Mary O'Riordan - Droum
Minister/s of the Eucharist
Margaret Riordan - Sea View
Bernadette O'Connor - Curraheen

About Today

We're well over halfway through Advent. Traditionally, today is called *Gaudete Sunday*, which means 'a day for rejoicing.' The reason for celebration is that the day of the Lord's coming is nearer.

Penitential Rite

Entering into that spirit of joy, we recall the sins that hold us back from the celebration: I confess.....

Alternative Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good. Let the fire of your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit, so that, purified, we may find our peace in you and you may delight in us.

Grant this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near:
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18 Zephaniah appeals for joy. The Lord is in the midst of the people, so there is no need for fear.

Philippians 4:4-7 Be happy, says Paul, and be tolerant: the Lord is very near.

Luke 3:10-18 John the Baptist announces the Good News, and declares he is not the Messiah.

Seeing Your Life Though The Lens Of The Gospel, Lk3:10-18

1. What should we do?

The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way?

2. John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude recall such friends.

3. The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time, he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people'. What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?



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.

To the Community of Glencar

Just a note to say thank you for how you went above and beyond especially on the night of my First Mass. Both my family and I appreciated the community gathering in such numbers.

Fr. Séan .

Thought for Today

Joy is not passive. It is active, current and we have agency to create it ourselves.

We don't have to wait for it to tap us on the shoulder. Some practical advice I share is:

- If suffering is 'like velcro'. Negative experiences are apparently 2.5 times as impactful as positive experiences.
- Perhaps the key, then, is to actively look at joyful experiences 2.5 times more than negative ones?

- Scientists have tested bloods and found that acts of kindness have a demonstrable positive effect on health.

- Desmond Tutu tells us that living from compassion and gratitude is the start.

- Joy is spontaneous and natural. Find the spark of joy in every situation. We can take ourselves too seriously.

Sula Bruce

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