

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

8th. December 2023 - 2nd. Sunday in Advent

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Priest on call this Sunday

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We Pray for our dead: Fr. Seamus McKenna (Mac Ginneá) Leataoibh, Ballyferriter, St. Brendan's College, Killarney, Lixnaw Parish & Marriage Tribunal Cork, Mary Prendergast Née Clifford Boolteens West, Castlemaine. Mary Darby Murphy née Evans, Farnes, Castlemaine and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

| Date | Time | St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries |
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| Sun 8 | 11:30 am | John O' Shea - Ballinakilla |
| Mon 9 | 7:30 pm | Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tom Moriarty - Droum. Ist. Anniv |
| Tue 10 | 6:30 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction Cathy & Tom Walsh & deceased members of the Walsh Family |
| Wed 11 | 10:30am | Private Intention |
| Thu 12 | | |
| Fri 13 | 7:30 pm. | Mary Prendergast - Boolteens, Castlemaine |
| Sat 14 | 6:00 pm | Parish Vigil Mass St Stephen's Church Glencar |
| Sun 15 | 11:30 am. | Private Intention |

St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries

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| Sat 7 | 6:00 pm. | Johnny Murphy - Doora |
| Tue 10 | 7- 8 pm | Advent Evening Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat 14 | 6:00 pm. | Pat and John Foley - Boheshil, Glencar |



Ministries Next Sunday

Minister of the Word

Kay Griffin Ballinakilla

Minister/s of the Eucharist

Bridget Murphy, Coolroe.

Joan McGillicuddy



A New Rota has been Emailed to Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharistic. Please check your inbox for same. If you have not received your Email please contact the Parish Office.

Kerry Hospice are again giving you the opportunity to remember your loved ones by sponsoring a light on the online Memorial tree. To shine a light for your loved one, go to <http://www.lighttoremember.com> and add your own personal tribute. Thank you for your support.



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.

About Today

John the Baptist is the focus of the liturgy on the Second Sunday of Advent each year. His challenge to us to 'prepare a way for the Lord' is at the heart of the Advent message. We worship the one who will surely come to us.

Penitential Rite

As we hear that ancient call to repentance, let us remember our failings in the light of God's healing love (

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy.

You bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy.

Prayer

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Make our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask 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

Baruch 5:1-9 Baruch looks to the day when God will guide all people, bringing them joy.

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Paul encourages the people of Philippi, and tells them to prepare inwardly for the 'Day of Christ Jesus'.

Luke 3:1-6 John the Baptist's words and actions remind the people of Isaiah's call to repentance.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospel, Lk3:1-6

1.The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall particularly a significant moment in your life, an occasion when you felt called to a change of work, status, or lifestyle?

2.John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g., burning a packet of cigarettes, sending a card, making a phone call, etc.

3.'A voice crying in the wilderness' is sometimes taken to refer to a voice that is ignored. Pope Francis has issued a call to all of us to be proactive in our witness to our faith and our celebration of it. ➡



➡ What can you, and your faith community, do to make sure his call is answered.



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 14th. 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.

The digital Advent Calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of *Hope*, the 2024 calendar offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025. To access the calendar please visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

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CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

With a Priest of the

Pastoral Area

Monday 16th, December

at 8pm.