



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

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**Office Hours :** Mon/Tues 10am to 3pm to book Masses, Baptisms, Weddings.

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

**Masses: Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd Dec**

**St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:**

Saturday 14th	6.00pm	Mass
Saturday 21st	6.00pm	Kitty, Richie & Ray Moroney, Minish (Anni)

**Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:**

Sunday 15th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Mass

**Sacred Heart, Barraduff:**

Sunday 15th	11.00am	Kathleen Bartlett, Upper Barraduff (Anni) John & Shane Dennehy, Bealnadeega Eileen Coffey (nee Flemming) Ardaneanig
Sunday 22nd	11.00am	Fr. Kevin McNamara (Anni) Tim & Bridie Galvin, Raheen, Headford & their daughter Joan Galvin

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:** Fr. Niall Geaney 087 3888878  
**PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS:** Monday Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998  
Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

**NOTICES**

**COLLECTIONS:** Offertory: €1,056. Thank you.

**SAMARITANS KERRY:** will hold their annual church gate collection on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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 Pat Fleming, Currow (brother to Catherine Nagle, Barraduff and to the family of Lilly Barry, Cork (mother to Breda Scannell, Raheen). May Pat and Lilly rest in peace.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Choir Practice for Christmas Eve Mass in Clonkeen will take place in Clonkeen Church on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm. All are welcome. Bring your instrument, most importantly, bring yourself.

**KERRY HOSPICE:** remember your loved ones by sponsoring a light on the online Memorial tree. Log onto <http://www.lighttoremember.com>

**KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD:** are hosting a new Christmas event "JINGLE & MINGLE" for the village of Kilcummin this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30pm - 7.30pm in Kilcummin Village. All are welcome.

**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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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". We are asked to treat the year ahead as a year-long pilgrimage seeking together to become more aware that truly Jesus Christ Our Saviour is with us each day, - as our help, strength and guide. When we speak of 'Hope' we mean 'Hope in Jesus Christ', Hope in our God, Father, Son and Spirit.

**A NOTE FROM FR JIM.....**

Recently I came across an article done by the Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC) who reported that the Christmas season of last year 2023 saw us spending up to 6.8 Billion Euros. That is an average spend of €1019 per household. I mention this because all this spending took place during the season of Advent, ironically a time which should be spent in prayer, fasting and alms giving. A time to move from the superficial to the depths of our souls, a time to be vigilant and attentive to our deepest and greatest needs. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday which means 'Rejoicing Sunday!!' So it's a special moment to ponder on joy. Do I rejoice in my life? Am I full of true joy deep down? I read once that unless you're at peace you cannot experience joy, and unless things are properly ordered to God in your life you'll never experience peace. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati puts it this way, 'Peace comes from a clear conscience'. So to be at peace your life must be ordered to God. If it's not you'll know it because that peace and joy will be lacking in your life. Instead you'll experience a discontentment and a feeling of frustration and as a consequence you'll never be truly happy. This truth was revealed to the shepherds by the Angel on Christmas night: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to people of good will.' Luke 2:14. We pray for each other this Christmas for Joy and Peace knowing that we can't buy it. It's only possible when we're glorifying and loving God and as a natural consequence loving those around us, especially the poor. So this Advent may we reflect on the words of the prophet Micah 6:8 'And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'.

