



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

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

Masses: Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th Dec

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 21st	6.00pm	Kitty, Richie & Ray Moroney, Minish (Anni)
Tuesday 24th	6.00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS Dympna & Audrey Favier, Glenflesk
Wednesday 25th	9.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Saturday 28th	6.00pm	Kitty & Colm O'Donoghue, Killaha (Anni) & Seán & Phil Peter Dennehy, Knockanes (Anni)

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 24th	9.00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Mass

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 22nd	11.00am	Fr. Kevin McNamara (Anni) Tim & Bridie Galvin, Raheen, Headford & their daughter Joan Galvin
Tuesday 24th	4.00pm	CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS
Wednesday 25th	11.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Sunday 29th	11.00am	Michael Moynihan, Headford (Anni) Richard, Lizzy, Patrick & Tadgh Murphy, Barraduff (Anni)

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

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Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

NOTICES

COLLECTIONS: *Offertory:* €1,995. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: Fr. Jim would like to sincerely thank everybody for their generous contributions to his personal income. If you would like to contribute to his Christmas Dues, a collection will be taken up after Communion on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office will close for Christmas at 3pm on Monday 23rd December and re-open at 10am on Tuesday 7th January.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To the family of Denis Doolan, Holy Cross Gardens & Killarney who died recently (brother of Kathleen Hickey). May Denis 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.

ADORATION: **No Adoration on Monday 23rd December.** Adoration will resume on Monday 30th at the usual times - 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 - 8 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: will meet on **Thursday 9th January** at 3pm (instead of Thursday 2nd) in The Church of the Sacred Heart, Barraduff. All welcome

MEMORY TREE BARRADUFF: Mass for those named on the Memory Tree in Barraduff Church will take place on Sunday 5th January at 11am. Memory Hearts can be purchased in O'Donoghue's Shop, Barraduff.

DEACON THADY O'CONNOR will feature the Kilflynn Christmas Concert and Remembrance Service on St Stephen's Day on Radio Maria Ireland. Time 8.30am.

A NOTE FROM FR JIM...

As we come closer now to the end of our Advent season and as our prayer intensifies in our excitement and anticipation in welcoming Jesus into our hearts, we reflect back on the different characters the church introduced to us throughout Advent, the likes of Isaiah, John the Baptist, Joseph and others. But now as we come to the 4th Sunday of Advent we're presented with the Advent figure par excellence, Our Blessed Mother Mary, the Mother of God. So who are the two figures responsible for the coming of Christ in history? The answer is found in the Nicene Creed. 'We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, conceived by the Holy Spirit and Incarnate of the Virgin Mary'. The Holy Spirit and the Blessed Virgin Mary together bring the 'Word' (God) into this world. So as we get closer to the commemoration of God being born into the world, we're also praying that God will be born into our hearts and lives, that God may take become present in us.

For this to happen, we obviously like the first coming need the power of the Holy Spirit and the powerful intercession of Our Lady's. Right throughout history Mary has never stopped trying to get all her children to open up their hearts to God and bring us all back safely to our heavenly home. During this month of December we're so blessed to celebrate one of those great missions of Mary where she in December 9th, 1531, appeared to a poor, 57-year-old widower named Juan Diego in the hills outside Tenochtitlan, Guadalupe Mexico, Of all Our Lady's apparitions this for me is one of the most amazing. Jesus says you'll know them by their fruit and the fruit of this amazing miracle and apparition was the conversion to Christ of some nine million Aztecs in just a few short years. The power of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe also took the peoples away from practicing human sacrifices. The Miraculous image has baffled scientists since. I would really encourage you to read up on it and discover the amazing heart of Mary and how she does all in her power to save us.

At present you'll find on our Glenflesk Parish FB page a link to Scott Watts' talk which he gave us last May. I wish all of you every blessing this Christmas and as Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger may she wrap us all in her mantle of love and keep us safe over Christmas and in the new year.