



**Local Priest:** Fr. Jim Lenihan, P.P. **OFFICE:** Reopens Tuesday 7th Jan.  
**Parish Office:** St. Agatha's Parish Centre, Headford, Killarney. V93 X0C2.  
**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 28th Dec to Sunday 5th Jan**

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

Saturday 28th	6.00pm	Kitty & Colm O'Donoghue, Killaha (Anni) & Seán & Phil Peter Dennehy, Knockanes (Anni)
Thursday 2nd	7.30pm	Kevin Casey, Gortacoosh, Glenflesk & Dunmore East (Anni)
Saturday 4th	6.00pm	Noel O'Connell, Garries (Anni) Johnny O'Brien, Droumnaheere (Anni) & Mary & John

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

Sunday 29th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Mass

**Sacred Heart, Barraduff:**

Sunday 29th	11.00am	Michael Moynihan, Headford (Anni) Richard, Lizzy, Patrick & Tadgh Murphy, Barraduff (Anni)
Sunday 5th	11.00am	Memorial Mass for all those on the Memory Tree, Barraduff

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:** Fr. Pádraig Kennelly 083 3541877  
**PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS:** Monday Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998  
 Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

**NOTICES**

**COLLECTIONS:** Offertory: €2,505. Thank you.  
**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 - 8 p.m.  
**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP:** on **Thursday 9th January** at 3pm (instead of Thursday 2nd) in The Church of the Sacred Heart, Barraduff. All welcome.  
**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** To the family of Breda Healy, Knockanes, Headford who died during the week and whose funeral will take place in St. Agatha's Church on Monday 30th December. May Breda rest in peace.

**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.

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

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend I'm always drawn to the amazing but sadly undiscovered teachings of Pope St. John Paul II on family, marriage and sexuality. The two main writings he gave to the world in this area were - 'Love and Responsibility' and 'Theology of the Body'. For him our understanding of our true nature and ultimately the meaning of our existence can only be fully understood in the light of God's revelation of His own nature revealed by the person of Jesus in the Holy Trinity. For the Saint the more we come to know God the more we come to know ourselves. The Holy Trinity is like a family, a community of persons who are all trying to outdo each other in self giving love. If we as family members, be it a husband, a wife or children try to out do each other in loving we too will create a heaven here on earth. John Paul II was well known for his special love for the family. He famously said while on an apostolic visit to Australia, "As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live." In other words if we get the family right we'll get the world right. Pope John Paul II believed the family has a foundational role within society and obviously will be Satan's main target to destroy humanity. So here is a prayer for the family of St. John Paul II.

*Lord God, from You every family in Heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, You are love and life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love. Grant that Your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world. Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love. Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family. We ask this of You, Who is life, truth and love with the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

