



## A NOTE FROM FR JIM.....

Finally our Ten week catechism program is coming to an end this Sunday night. Personally I've really enjoyed the experience, where we've discussed different aspects of our faith, some that I've never pondered before. Even the name of the program 'Metanoia' isn't a word that I'd have used on a regular basis throughout the years yet when you think of it, it's probably one of the most important truths of our faith. Here's the official definition of Metanoia: 'Literally means repentance or change one's life. The term is regularly used in the Greek New Testament, especially in the Gospels and the preaching of the Apostles. Repentance is shown by faith, baptism, confession of sins, and producing fruits worthy of penance. It means a change of heart from sin to the practice of virtue. As conversion, it is fundamental to the teaching of Christ, was the first thing demanded by Peter on Pentecost, and is considered essential to the pursuit of Christian perfection. Greek metanoiein, to change one's mind, repent, be converted, from meta- + noein, to perceive, thing, akin to Greek noos, nous, mind.' As we read from the definition, 'to change one's mind', is like the word Metanoia itself, it isn't something we commonly come across in our daily lives, either within ourselves or others. In this week's final episode the most fundamental question we'll ever be asked by God is 'Do you love me?'. Have you really said YES!! to God. You're either with Him or against Him, (Matt 12:30). Love is a choice not a feeling. This turning back to God is a decision of the will but is also a miracle of the heart, where even our slightest openness to God will allow His amazing grace to flow into our hearts and like Isaiah (32:15) 'a dried up wilderness will become a rich and fertile field', because there's nothing impossible to God. As I mentioned last weekend in my homily, the meaning of Advent is 'Arrival'. In this season we're asked to ponder the three 'Arrivals'. The first arrival took place in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago the third arrival will take place in a moment we won't expect where Jesus will come in all His glory and there will be a day of reckoning. But for us personally the most important and fundamental 'Arrival' is the coming of Christ into our hearts where we accept Him as Our Lord and Saviour, where he sits on the throne of our hearts. So as we reflect on today's Gospel, what mountains (False Gods) in our lives must be brought down and what valleys (Gods graces) must be filled in? In other words what obstacles in our lives are preventing His arrival? If you haven't had an opportunity to do the Metanoia program, just google 'The Wild Goose Catholic program'. It's all there for free. A sincere thank you to all who join us in person and virtually. Thanks too to Tadhg O Shea for so kindly facilitating us in the wonderful Barradubh Community Hub. To Clare and Mary who showed the best of Glenflesk Parish hospitality and not forgetting all who supplied us with beautiful scones and biscuits throughout the 10 weeks. And finally to thank Kenneth for streaming our programs. We look forward to seeing you all again at our next program

**A SINCERE THANK YOU:** to all who made our recent Parish Bazaar such a mighty success. Obviously bringing in €22,350 of well needed funds to renovate our three churches was great blessing but the wonderful gift of bringing us all together in friendship and fun was priceless.

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

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

### Masses: Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th Dec

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

Saturday 7th	6.00pm	Donal Murphy, Annaghmore, Headford (Anni Timmy Crowley, Coomacullen (Anni) & deceased family members
Monday 9th	7.30pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 12th	9.30am	Mass for people of the parish
Saturday 14th	6.00pm	Mass

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

Sunday 8th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Mass

#### Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 8th	11.00am	Sheila Warren, Annaghmore (Anni) John Gerard Dineen, Crosstown & deceased family members
Tuesday 10th	7.30pm	Michael Culloty, Annaghmore (Anni) & his sister-in-law Noreen Culloty
Friday 13th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 15th	11.00am	Kathleen Bartlett, Upper Barraduff (Anni) John & Shane Dennehy, Bealnadeega Eileen Coffey (nee Flemming) Ardaneanig

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:** Fr. Vitalis Barasa 087 6501998

**PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS:** Monday Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998

Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

### NOTICES

**COLLECTIONS:** Offertory: €1,037. Diocesan Collection: €255. 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. to 8 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS:** Signed Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available at the parish office €11. Please feel free to call during office hours.