

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

12th. January 2025 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
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We Pray for our dead: Sr. Canisius Collins - Presentation Sisters Milltown & late of Main Street, Abbeyfeale. Co. Limerick - Liam Roche - Ballycleave, Glenbeigh and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time .

Date	Time	St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries
Sun	12 11:30 am	Eoin (Gene) Spillane - Curraheen & Templenoe, Kenmare 1st. Aniv
Mon	13 7:30 pm	Patrick & Shelia O' Grady - Keelnabrack Lower
Tue	14 6:30 pm	Hannah & Patrick Griffin - Ceanearagh
Wed	15 10:30am	Private Intention
Thu	16	
Fri	17 6:30 pm.	Maurice & Danny Breen - Coomavoun Glencar
Sat	18 6:00 pm	Parish Vigil Mass St Stephen's Church Glencar
Sun	19 11:30 am.	Johnny Coffey - Droum
St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries		
Sat	11 6:00 pm.	Margaret John & Michael Coffey - Cloon Glencar
Sat	18 6:00 pm.	Dan & Catherine O'Sullivan & their son Danny - Shronearee

Diocesan Collection

The annual collection for the Needs of the Holy Land will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish this weekend. This collection provides assistance to Christian communities in the Holy Land to help them to continue to live there. It helps fund dispensaries, charitable institutes, centres of education and housing projects.



Ministries Next Weekend
Minister of the Word
 Bridget Murphy - Coolroe
Minister/s of the Eucharist
 Muireann O' Donovan - Coolroe
 Veronica Sugrue - Mountain Stage

CHRISTMAS & OUTSTANDING DUES

Please return your Christmas Dues and any outstanding dues over the next 3 weekends. I thank all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially and support me through their dues.

Our Diocesan Mission

REGISTER NOW will take place from Sunday January 19th – Wednesday January 22nd. This year's theme is *Pilgrims of Hope*, picking up the theme of the Pope Francis' Jubilee Year. These days offer us a time to gather reflection and in prayer, online, in parishes and at home. Like the traditional Parish Mission, all are welcome to participate, whatever your age or whether you are actively involved in your local parish community or more on the fringes of organised faith. Everyone is welcome!

By registering, you will receive a link for the online talks. You will also be sent a daily email during the Mission with links to each aspect of the Mission.

Mission Guest Speakers

Sunday Jan 19th – Br Richard Hendrick, OFM Cap, poet and mindfulness teacher

Monday Jan 20th – Caoimhe de Barra, CEO of Trocaire, passion for development and global justice

Tuesday Jan 21st – David Wells, author, international speaker, teacher.

Wednesday Jan 22nd – Martina Lehane Sheehan, author, spiritual guide, psychotherapist. **More info - Mission 2025 Join us.**
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About Today

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord: it's the last day of the Christmas season. The baptism of Jesus marked the end of his quiet years in Nazareth and the start of his public ministry. The feast reminds us that all the baptised are called to ministry.

Penitential Rite

To begin, let us recall the areas of darkness in our own lives, made visible by God's healing light:

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

Open the heavens, almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered in prayer. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds. Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognise in your beloved Son our hope of inheriting eternal life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 The Church believes Isaiah's words refer to Jesus, the true shepherd: he is 'the glory of the Lord'.

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Salvation is possible for all people, because of God's great compassion, which we see in the gift of baptism.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 The events celebrated in today's feast are described in the Gospel, as St Luke described them

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospel

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?

2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.

3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?



➡ 4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in preparing you to be aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

Thought for the Day

God alone can give faith, but you can offer witness.

God alone can give hope, but you can give confidence to others.

God alone can give love, but you can pass it on to others.

God alone can give peace, but you can work for unity.

God alone can give power, but you can sustain somebody who is feeling low.

God alone is the light, but you can make it shine for others.

God alone is life, but you can give others a taste for living.

God alone can do the impossible, but through you it becomes possible.

God alone is self-sufficient ... but amazingly, God prefers to count on you.

The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Pope Francis

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