

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

5th. January 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas
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We Pray for our dead: and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Date	Time	St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries
Sun	5	11:30 am Mrs Lyons - The Village
Mon	6	10:30 am Brian Coffey - High Road.
Tue	7	
Wed	8	
Thu	9	
Fri	10	6:30 pm. Sharon Doody
Sat	11	6:00 pm Parish Vigil Mass St Stephen's Church Glencar
Sun	12	11:30 am. Eoin (Gene) Spillane - Curraheen & Templenoe, Kenmare 1st. Aniv
St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries		
Sat	4	6:00 pm. Ciss & Brendan Marcus O'Sullivan - Dromalohert - Glencar
Mon	6	6:00 pm
Sat	11	6:00 pm. Margaret John & Michael Coffey - Cloon Glencar

Diocesan Collection

The annual collection for the Needs of the Holy Land will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish next 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 5/6 January 2025

Minister of the Word
 Kevin Griffin - High Rd
Minister/s of the Eucharist
 Cliona Moynihan
 Veronica Sugrue

Pope's Intention for January 2025

For the right to an education:
 Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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 in 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.

About Today

We gather to celebrate the first Sunday of 2025, moving with gratitude into a new year of God's grace. We thank God for the gifts of Christmas, particularly the gift of the Word made flesh, the one nearest the Father's heart. Confident that God's mercy has no end, we remember our sins: *(pause)* Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace ... you are Son of God and Son of Mary ... you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer

God most high,
 your only Son embraced the weakness of our flesh
 to give us the power to become your children;
 your eternal Word chose to dwell among us,
 that we might live in your presence.
 Grant us a spirit of wisdom
 to know how rich is the glory you have made our own,
 and how great the hope to which we are called
 in 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

Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12 - Wisdom will pitch her tent among the chosen people: this came true when the Word became flesh in Jesus. We are reminded of this in the response to the psalm which follows.

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 - As God's children, we are chosen to share in divine wisdom, a wisdom that reached its fullness in Christ.

John 1:1-18 - The Gospel of Christmas Day is repeated, to reinforce the simple yet profound message: The Word became flesh.



Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospel

1. This prologue to John's Gospel is a piece of poetry. Like all poetry, one of the ways to enter into it is to read it a few times slowly and let the words and images speak to you.
2. The prologue proclaims Jesus as the true light come into the world. How has Jesus, and the message of Jesus, been a light for you in your life?
3. The prologue also affirms the transforming power of faith: 'to all who received him ... he gave power to become children of God'. How would you describe the difference it makes to you to have faith as part of your life?
4. In Jesus we get a glimpse of God and of the love of God. But as 'Jesus people' in the world today we also are called to be witnesses to the light. Who has been a witness to you? To whom have you been a witness?

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.

CHRISTMAS DUES



The red envelope in your Box of envelopes are due at this time or you may use one of Christmas Dues Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope over the next 3 weekends. Many thanks for your support during the year.

DUES OUTSTANDING

Parishioners with other dues outstanding are asked to submit their outstanding dues along with their Christmas Dues.
I thank all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially and support me through their dues.

New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
 Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
 But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
 Not by making your path easy,
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from you,
 But by taking fear from your heart;
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
 Not by making your life always pleasant,
 But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.
 God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.