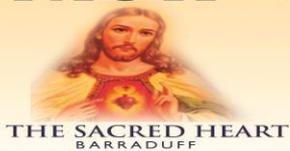


THE PARISH OF GLENFLESK



ST. AGATHA'S
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THE SACRED HEART
BARRADUFF



OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE
CLONKEEN

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OFFICE/PRESBYTERY: 064/7754008. **MOBILE:** 089/4044816. Sorry our landline has been faulty last week and unable to take messages. Hopefully this has been rectified and is back to normal.

OFFICE HOURS: Mon/Tues 10am - 3pm. This is the preferred time for the booking of Masses, Baptisms, Weddings. Please note there is a selection of signed Mass cards available for all occasions and blessed candles at the Parish Office, feel free to call during office hours on Monday or Tuesday.

Masses Saturday 9th Sunday 17th October

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 9th	6.00pm	Donie & Brendan O'Donoghue, Mallow & Headford (Anni)
Monday 11th	9.30am	Con Moynihan (Anni) & deceased of the Moynihan family, Islandmore
Tuesday 12th	7.30pm	Ned & Jane Counihan & their sons Jim, Edmund, Con & Brendan Milltown (Anni)
Thursday 14th	7.30pm	Dan Moynihan, Station Road, Headford (Anni)
Saturday 16th	6.00pm	Special Intention - sick

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 10th	9.30am	Parishioners at home & away
Wednesday 13th	7.30pm	Joe Gleeson (Rec Dec)
Sunday 17th	9.30am	For all those who died from Covid 19 & loved ones left behind



Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 10th	11.00am	Hannah Culloty, Annaghmore (Anni)
Friday 15th	7.30pm	Sr. Mary & Dan Joe Mullane & deceased members of the Mullane Family, Cornhill
Sunday 17th	11.00am	Margaret & John Murphy & their son Denis, Annaghmore (Anni)

CHURCH NOTICES

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS SUNDAY: Fr. Pádraig Kennelly 083/3541877. Emergencies only.

COLLECTIONS & CONCERT DONATIONS: Offertory: €786.40; Dues (Priests Collection) €220. Donation towards concert €205. Your great generosity is deeply appreciated.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To Jer Murphy & family, Barraduff on the death of his brother Seán, The Starlite, Killorglin whose funeral took place in Killorglin last Tuesday. May Seán rest in peace.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Now that we are getting back to opening up our Churches fully, we invite those who would like to be involved in the above Ministries to contact Patricia for Glenflesk Church on 087 9048659, Claire for Barraduff Church on 087 2547361 and Anne for Clonkeen Church on 085 1661216.

LITURGY GROUP MEETING: On Monday 11th at 7pm at the Parish Centre.

GROTTO ROSARY: The rosary on the 13th at 7.30 pm at Knockanes Grotto is to celebrate the miracle at Fatima on that day in 1917. As this is the month of the Rosary, it would be wonderful to have a large crowd for this final public Rosary at the Grotto for 2021.

SANITISING: We thank our wonderful sanitizers who have spent the last 15 months cleaning our seats in our Churches - St Agatha's/Sacred Heart & Our Lady of the Wayside. This is our last weekend. We will however have wipes available in all Churches to use if you so wish.

PLASTIC BOTTLES: We are at present finding it hard to get plastic 500ml (clean) only bottles to fill with Holy Water. If you have any to spare, please leave them into any of the Church's. We are very grateful. Thanking you in advance.

THE EMBRACE OF THE PRODIGAL DAD IS A JOY TO ENCOUNTER!

Our Society today struggles very much with heart to heart communication. We all struggle to find someone before whom we can open our hearts, be completely transparent, pour out our confusion and freely admit our sin. Inside our search for a soulmate is the search for a confessor. But a good confessor isn't easily found. Colm Tobin in his novel 'Brooklyn' gives one of the reasons why: His main character, Eilis, a young woman from Dublin moves to the States and falls in love with a man named Tony. But several months into the relationship Eilis has to return to Ireland because her sister, Rose, has died. Tony insecure and fearing that Eilis will not return talks her into marrying him civilly before she leaves. Back in Dublin, living with her mother, mourning her sister and having to delay her return to New York because of a friend's wedding Eilis is pursued by a young man, Jim Farrell. She goes on a number of dates with him without telling him about her American husband. But Eilis is haunted by her lack of disclosure and agonises about what to do. What she would most love to do is to share her secret with him, point out her confusion, made him her confessor and have him help her sort this out, but his innocence makes her hesitate. As Tobin puts it: "Could she possibly tell him what she had done such a short while earlier in Brooklyn?" The only divorced people anyone in her town knew was Elizabeth Taylor and a few more film stars. It might be possible to explain to Jim how she had come to be married, but he was someone who had never lived outside the town. His innocence and his politeness, both of which made him nice to be with, would actually be she thought, limitations, especially if something as unheard of and out of the question as far from his experience of divorce, was raised. The best thing to do she thought was to put the whole thing out of her mind. There is a stream of popular thought supporting Eilis's stance of simply putting the whole thing out of one's mind. Our old Catechisms taught that when Adam and Eve ate the apple their minds were darkened. Popular thought today emphasis that their eyes were opened, that experience, licit or not, is what widens the mind.

UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE

In this situation we are looking for someone whose understanding and acceptance will take us to another place beyond our confusion and weakness. Deep down we know that our sin will not be healed by someone else's sin, but that it needs to meet instead something more innocent, more like Jesus, like the loving embrace of the 'Prodigal Dad', who loved his son where he was at, not where he wanted him to be. Not every kind of innocence meets the test. Eilis's unwillingness to reveal her struggles before Jim Farrell's innocence might indeed have been a wise decision. There is an innocence that, because it is deliberately blind at certain point, is unhealthily immune to complexity. But there is an innocence too and that is the kind we unconsciously seek out, that does meet the test. A young seminarian struggling with sexual issues once wrote to St. Therese of Lisieux seeking her advice. He hinted at his issues but told her: "If I shared with you what I am really struggling with, I fear that you would be horribly shocked and scandalised and would not write back to me!" The Cure of Ards was a Priest of stunning simplicity and utter innocence. Yet he was the most sought after confessor of his time. We long for such a confessor, someone before whom we can feely pour out complexity and who does not judge or criticise us but helps us to begin again. We will be better for having a confessor in our lives. The embrace of the Prodigal Dad is most definitely a joy to encounter.

PREPARING FOR THE SYNODAL JOURNEY

This is a message from Bishop Browne:

On Sunday 17th October all the Dioceses in Ireland begin the Synodal Pathway -which Pope Francis has asked for worldwide. Pope Francis speaks of 'Synod' as 'journeying together', truly 'listening to each other' and 'together identifying the path along which Christ is leading us'. Bishop Browne invites you to join him for a liturgy of prayer in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney at 3pm on Sunday 17th October to commence our journey. Come to the Cathedral or join by streaming via the cathedral website. Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Communion, Participation and Mission".

SANDY KELLY & GUESTS

Tickets are going quite well and are available at all Masses this weekend and at local outlets as well. I particularly wish to thank those who have made generous donations towards the fund so far.