

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

27 July 2025 - 17th.. Sunday in Ordinary Time

World day of Grandparents and the Elderly

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Priest on call this Sunday: Fergal Ryan Beaufort 087240'8540



We pray for our Dead: John Cahillane 1 Sea View Trc. and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

.		Time	St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries
Sun	27	11:30 am	Catherine Coffey - Droum
Mon	28	7:30 pm	Shelia O Shea and deceased members of the O Shea family The High Road
Tue	29		Ballinakilla Cemetery Mass at 7:30 pm.
Wed	30		Incherue Cemetery Mass Glencar at 7:30 pm.
Thu	31		
Fri	1	7:00 pm.	Eileen O' Sullivan - The Village
Sat	2	6:00 pm	Parish Vigil Mass - St. Stephen's Church Glencar
Sun	3	11:30 am.	Noreen McGill - Droum West
St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries			
Sat	26	6:00 pm.	
Sat	2	6:00 pm	Michael & Annie O' Connor - Keel, Glencar

**First Friday Calls** 1st August : at the usual times Fr. Kieran is also available on his visit for Confession and, where necessary, the Sacrament of the Sick. If you or a family member are housebound due and would like to receive Holy Communion do please contact the Parish Office.



**ALL IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL**

Best wishes to the Kerry team on Sunday in the All Ireland football final against Donegal. For all those who are travelling, safe journey. Ciarraí Abú

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
The annual collection for the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Please support.

**Ministries Next Weekend**  
*Minister of the Word*  
Joan McGillicuddy - Coomasaharn  
*Minister/s of the Eucharist*  
Margaret Riordan Sea View  
Bernadette O Connor - Curraheen  
Please note Amended Rotas will be sent by Email to all Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. shortly.

**Thought for the Day**  
Because [grandparents] are usually free to love and guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations. **President Jimmy Carter**

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly. **Gene Perret**

### About Today

We can ask God for help whenever we need to, today or any day. We gather to worship God who is always concerned for us.

• Today, the Sunday closest to the feast of St Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, is the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elders.

It is also Reek Sunday – national pilgrimage day to Croagh Patrick

### Prayer

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door. In our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

### Introduction to the Scripture Readings

**Genesis 18: 20-32** God shows his justice as he heeds Abraham's plea on behalf of the good minority.

**Colossians 2: 12-14** The Colossians were concerned about Jewish laws. Paul insists that Jesus has over-ridden all the old requirements.

**Luke 11: 1-13** If we pray persistently for God's help, it will be given.

### Seeing Your Life Though The Lens Of The Gospel

1. In the prayer Jesus gave us as a model, the focus is not on getting God to do what we want, but on trying to be open to what God wants: 'Your kingdom come'. That openness implies a trust that what God wants for us is our good. When have you found that it was good for you to take life as it comes, trusting that the Spirit was with you no matter what happened?



2. It can be helpful at times to pray the Lord's Prayer with one eye on what you see lies ahead for you in the day. Spend a moment thinking of what you have to do and then take each phrase of the Lord's Prayer and see how that speaks to your agenda.

3. One of the points in the parable of the friend knocking at the door, is that in the case of true friendship it will not be necessary to browbeat the friend into giving what you seek. Recall times when you had a friend who gave willingly and readily. What was it like to have

→ such a generous and willing response? Perhaps you can also recall when you have been that kind of a friend to others.

4. In the culture of the Middle East hospitality is a priority. It would be unimaginable not to help a friend. Just so, it is unimaginable that God will ignore our prayer. When you think of the reliability of God what are the images that you find helpful and that encourage you to persist in prayer?

### On the occasion of the 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, today.

Pope Leo has published his message entitled "**Blessed are those who have not lost hope**" (cf. Sir 14:2).


The Holy Father presents the elderly as guardians of hope, protagonists in God's plan even in the midst of fragility. Through the biblical figures of Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Moses, Pope Francis reminds us that Scripture is full of stories where God calls older men and women to new spiritual fruitfulness.

In today's context, where the elderly often risk being forgotten, the Pope urges the Church to draw near to them, promoting a "revolution of gratitude and care." Every ecclesial community is called to build bonds of closeness, prayer, and solidarity, giving value to the presence of the elderly and combating their isolation.

A meaningful aspect of this Day is also its connection to the Jubilee: it will be possible to obtain the Indulgence by visiting an elderly person in solitude **for an appropriate amount of time** — a concrete gesture of mercy, a true pilgrimage towards Christ present in the vulnerable.

"All of us, always, can love and pray," writes the Pope, reminding us that hope does not diminish with age, but is renewed each day through love received and given. The elderly are a blessing for the Church and for society; their witness of faith and perseverance is a precious gift for the new generations.

The full text of the Message is available on the official Vatican website. **And copies available at the back of the church.**



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