



Local Priest: Fr. Jim Lenihan, P.P. **OFFICE:** Closed Bank Hol 4th August.
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Masses: Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th August

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 2nd	6.00pm	Mass
Wednesday 6th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 9th	6.00pm	Denis & Mary Moynihan, Clasheens & Michael Doherty, Carrigeen (Anni)

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Nellie Doyle, Old Forge, Ironmills (1st Anni)

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 3rd	11.00am	Connie Warren, Annaghmore (Anni)
Tuesday 5th	7.30pm	Mass
Thursday 7th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 10th	11.00am	Danny Higgins & his brother Ralph (Anni)

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: €1,315. Renovation July: €965. Thank you.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: this weekend for the Pastoral Centre.

ADORATION: No adoration on Bank Holiday Monday 4th August.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: will be on Thursday 7th August at 3pm in The Church of The Sacred Heart, Barraduff. All are welcome.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: on Saturday 23rd August.

There will be a bus going from the parish. Contact Clare Brosnan 087 254 7361.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: For those in our parish who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at the 6pm Vigil Mass in St. Agatha's Church, Glenflesk on Saturday 30th August. Please spread the word to those who were married in our parish and are now living elsewhere. You might kindly contact the parish office with details of your anniversary before Friday 22nd August.

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

As a priest now for many years I have always been in awe of how brilliant people can be at their work or other pursuits of interest. I'm amazed how tuned in and astute so many people are dealing with their affairs with such passion and detail. I can remember listening to business people over the years discussing financial matters and when to buy or sell on the stock exchange. In horse racing I can remember listening to my friends who were racing enthusiast in Listowel reading the form of different horses. It was amazing to see how much they knew about each horse and what weight they were carrying, where they finished in their last five outings and how much the jackpot would be if their horses won in consecutive races. And when it comes to football some not just know every tactical set up and different match ups for Sunday's game they could also give you a blow to blow account of a match that happened this time last year. In all of the above cases I'm blown away by people's intelligence, dedication and enthusiasm for these interests. But where I have a worry is what about their interest in heavenly and spiritual matters. How much thought goes into saving their eternal soul. Please don't get me wrong, I am not knocking what they do, in fact I deeply admire their God given gifts and talents. But for me I do believe the problem arises when it comes to things of God that they can be at times clueless and totally unprepared for that moment they will meet their maker and be judged on the law of love, in other words how they have loved God and others. If it is true that God does exist and there is a life here after and how we behave in this life has eternal consequences, well it is fair to conclude that nothing else really matters. Scripture teaches us to set our hearts on heavenly things, to store up treasures for ourselves in heaven. In today's Gospel Jesus uses the word fool. The fool in scripture is the one who lives and plans life without God. The greedy farmer in today's Gospel had no idea how idiotic his plans were in the context of eternity. It's important to work hard in this life and to become the best we can be in all we do. But always remember that life is fragile and fleeting, and the things we work for today can disappear in an instant. The Gospel challenges us to ask: "What truly matters?" Are you spiritually wise or foolish?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord teach me to number my days that I may gain wisdom of heart. Help me store not the treasures on earth but the treasures in heaven. May my life be rich in love, generosity, and faith in You. Amen.