

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

14 December 2025 3rd. Sunday of Advent

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We pray for our Dead: and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time..

.		Time	St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries
Sun	14	11:30 am	Batt & Maura Sweeney - Ballinakilla
Mon	15	6:30 pm. 7:00 pm.	Mike (Ned) & Mary O'Sullivan - Rossbeigh Christmas Confession with visiting Priest.
Tue	16	6:30 pm.	Private Intention
Wed	17		
Thu	18		
Fri	19	6:30 pm	Tommy Cahill - Rossbeigh
Sat	20	6:00 pm.	Parish Vigil Mass - St. Stephen's Church - Glencar
Sun	21	11:30 am.	Molly, Jeremiah & Dermot Riordan & extended family- Keelnabrack
St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries			
Sat	13	6:00 pm.	Gaberial Taylor - Gortmaloon - Month's Mind
Sat	20	6:00 pm.	Kathleen Maloney & her parents Jerry & Bridget Sheehan



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.

Ministries Sunday 21st. December

Minister of the Word
Clodagh Foley - The Village
Minister/s of the Eucharist
Sandra Clifford - Dooks

Christmas Masses



Christmas Eve

Glenbeigh Church 5pm & 8pm
Glencar Church 6:30 pm.

Christmas Day

Glencar Church 10:30 am.
Glenbeigh Church 12 Noon

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS
With a Priest of the Pastoral Area
Monday 15th. December at 7 pm.

Other Times

After Mass in Glenbeigh
Tuesday, Friday Evening Glencar after the
vigil Mass on Saturday.

Preparation for the Sacrament see over !

About Today Gaudete Sunday

Traditionally, this Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday, which means 'a day for rejoicing'. Advent is about half over, and the day of the Lord's coming is nearer. We worship God who promises us joy without end.

Penitential Rite

Confident of the happiness that lies in the future, let us remember our sins and repent Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom

Lord have Mercy

Lord Jesus You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness

Christ have Mercy

Lord Jesus

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.

Lord have Mercy

Prayer

God of glory and compassion,
at your touch the wilderness blossoms,
broken lives are made whole,
and fearful hearts grow strong in faith.

Open our eyes to your presence
and awaken our hearts to sing your praise.

To all who long for your Son's return
grant perseverance and patience,

that we may announce in word and deed
the good news of the kingdom.

We ask this through him whose coming is
certain, whose day draws near:

your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 Isaiah looks forward to the
Day of Joy, when God's power will be seen
on earth.

James 5:7-10 James reminds us to be
patient, for the Lord's coming in glory will
be soon.

Matthew 11:2-11 Today's

Gospel tells us that what
Isaiah prophesied came to
pass in the life of Jesus.

Seeing Your Life Though The Lens Of The Gospel

• Even John the Baptist experienced doubt in
prison we hear in the Gospel today. Jesus
doesn't condemn him but offers evidence of
the Messiah's work. Can I bring my own
questions and disappointments to God with
similar honesty, trusting that He can handle
my doubt?

• Jesus points to His deeds – the blind see,
the lame walk, and the good news is
preached to the poor. God's kingdom is often
revealed in acts of healing and liberation.



Where do I see this healing and liberating
work in my life and community? How can I
be a part of it?

• Jesus warns his followers against being a
'reed shaken by the wind.' Following Christ
requires conviction, not just fleeting enthusiasm.
Is my faith and moral compass firm, or
do they easily shift with cultural trends or
personal challenges?

• Jesus calls John the greatest of prophets yet
clarifies that the least in the kingdom is
greater. True greatness in God's eyes is not
about status but about humble closeness to
and imitation of Christ. Does my pursuit of
being great match with Jesus' definition –
found in servanthood and intimacy with
Him?

Advent calls us

To stop and think. But for nearly everyone
the season of Advent is also the busiest time
of the year. There is so much to be done to
prepare for Christmas; cards, presents, the
planning of meals, hospitality in general.
Leaving aside whether we actually need to
do all this and whether it could not all be
simplified, the actuality of most lives during
Advent is emphatically not one of contemplation.
We can benefit from moments each
day, that we set aside just to keep ourselves
grounded in faith. It is Jesus and his birth
that we celebrate, not just togetherness. Can
we still enter into the spirit of Advent, this
holy season?
Sr. Wendy Beckett

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Code .



Autumn Dues / Christmas Dues

Please remember to submit your Autumn
Dues and any outstanding dues.
A Sincere thanks to all who have submitted
their Dues to date. Parishioners can now
submit their weekly offering or dues by
card (Tap & Donate at the Kiosk at the Back
of the Church, Your Support is very much
appreciated . Thank you.

St. Stephen's Church Glencar

Prayer for Advent with Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evening
at 7 pm. All Welcome.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

God loves all of humanity. He delights in us. He never loses faith in us, even though we may lose faith in ourselves. He never ceases to love us, even though we may have turned our back on him and tried to reject him and his Church. God's mercy is endless, and it gives him joy to take away our sins.

When you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we should think more of God and his mercy than of our sins. Your very wish to celebrate it, and the effort you make to do so, are signs that God's love is already enfolding you and his grace is at work in you. Facing your sins, and naming them, can be a painful experience. But there is joy and liberation in being reconciled to God and the Church.

In your preparation, therefore, let the thought of God's love and compassion fill you and give you heart. No life is so ruined that God cannot build it up again; no heart so withered that he cannot refresh it and make it young again.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

As you prepare to celebrate the Sacrament, begin not by thinking about your own life but about the life and words of Jesus. It is good to have a standard against which to measure your life and the kind of person you are. Jesus provides the standard for us Christians. He loved God and his neighbour with a love beyond all telling, and he showed it in so many ways - he was compassionate and forgiving; he mixed with sinners and outcasts. He was a friend of the sick and the poor. He trusted God, his Father, totally.

It is his life and words that give meaning to our own. So before celebrating the sacrament, spend a little time thinking about Jesus, the kind of person he was, the attitudes and values he had, the way he treated others. Think of what Jesus has to say to us today, and to our world.

Having looked at Jesus' life, now take time to look at your own. Here is an examination of conscience which may help you to look more closely at the serious issues in your life and where you have failed in living as God would like us to live. It is a check list against which to measure how your life as a Christian is going.

What kind of Christian am I in:

My religious practice:
Do I give time to God in prayer?
Do I pray regularly?
Do I join my parish community for Sunday Mass?
or Holydays of Obligation?

My home life:

What am I like to live with?
Do I make my home a happy place to live.
Do I honour my marriage vows or my duties towards my parents or children, those whom I love?
Am I selfish or moody?
Do I cause serious problems in my home through abusing alcohol or drugs, being violent or bullying, being lazy or selfish?
of disrespectful to the aged in the home .

My relationship with others:

Am I tolerant of others?
Do I treat others with respect?
Am I bitter towards anyone?
Do I hold a grudge against anyone?
Do I forgive those who hurt me?
Do I look down on any group or individual because of class, race, nationality, politics, sex or religion?

My practice of justice:

Am I too fond of material things?
Do I respect the needs, rights and property of others?
Am I honest in my work and business relationships?
Do I pay my debts and return borrowed goods?
Do I cheat, steal, or make false claims?
Do I support the Church Financially
Do I financially support my Parish and its Clergy by paying:
Parish Dues at Christmas, Autumn, Spring and Easter?
Do I respect the environment and all God's creation?

Remember that God isn't interested in how good a memory you have, or how many failings you discover in yourself. It is impossible to recall every fault and failing. God knows that. All God asks is that you come before him genuinely sorry for those times when you have failed him and failed the community.

When celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

(1) Begin by making the Sign of the Cross, saying aloud: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen .

(2) Tell how long it is since you last went to confession, and any particular details about your life which may be helpful for the priest to know e.g. whether you are married or single, working or unemployed, going to school etc.

(3) Then, confess your sins. The Examination of Conscience (above) will help you to look at your life as a Christian and where and how you might have failed. The Priest gives you a suitable penance after which you;

(4) then express your sorrow by saying an act of contrition.

God has forgiven you. But your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation does not end when you come out of the confessional or leave the church. At the heart of the celebration is your undertaking, not only that, with God's help, you will try not to sin again, but that you will show by the way you live that you are conscious of having been forgiven and reconciled with others, the Church and God.

SUGGESTED ACTS OF CONTRITION

There are many act of contrition like those listed below. You may have a favourite of your own and are welcome to say it.

(A) O my God, I am sorry for all my sins because I have offended thee who are infinitely good, and I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace nevermore to sin again Amen.

(B) O my God, I am sorry for all my sins because they displease you, who are so good and deserving of all my love. With your help I will not sin again. Amen

(C) O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not to sin again. Amen.

(D) O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to sin no more. Amen.