



Local Priest: Fr. Jim Lenihan, P.P. **PARISH OFFICE:** Closed until 12th January.
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Masses: Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th January

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 3rd	6.00pm	Noel O'Connell, Garries (Anni) Peter Dennehy, Knockanes (Anni)
Tuesday 6th	6.00pm	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - John & Mary O'Brien & their son Johnny, Droumnahearee.
Wednesday 7th	9.30am	Mass
Saturday 10th	6.00pm	Patrick & Catherine Moynihan, Headford West and their sons Tim & Jim and their daughter-in-law Hannah. Paddy & Hannah O'Donovan, Rusheenmore.

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 4th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 11th	9.30am	Mass

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 4th	11.00am	Mass for the priests buried in the grounds of Barraduff Church. Jack & Masie Sheehan, Knockanimirish (40th Anni)
Tuesday 6th	9.30am	FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - Mass for those remembered on the Memory Tree, Barraduff.
Thursday 8th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 11th	11.00am	Catherine O'Leary, Currow (Anni) Bridie Healy, Old Bridge, Headford (Anni)

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Fr. Joe Begley 087 6501998

PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS: Monday Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998

Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

NOTICES

COLLECTIONS: Offertory (Christmas Eve/Day) €5,532; (27th/28th) €1,175.

Renovation December: €2,595; **Priest Dues Collection:** €9,775. Many thanks.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION: January 3rd is the first Saturday of the month.

Devotion will begin at 5.30pm before Holy Mass.

COME LET US ADORE HIM: Adoration continues during the Christmas season

(Monday 5th Jan) Barraduff 10am - 1pm, Glenflesk 2pm - 5pm & Clonkeen 7pm - 8pm.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP: will be on Thursday 8th January at 3pm in The Church of the Sacred Heart, Barraduff. All are welcome.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To the family of Oliver Kelly, Kenmare & formerly of Artigallivan, Glenflesk who died recently. May Oliver rest in peace.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM FR. JIM

During my day off this week, I spent the day reading through the many cards and letters I received over Christmas. I was truly humbled — even embarrassed — and absolutely amazed by the generosity and kindness shown to me. While it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept my heartfelt appreciation. I am deeply grateful for the love, support, and incredible generosity you have shown to me personally. Thank you once again for all that you have done for me and for our parish throughout 2025. I wish you and your families every blessing for the year ahead.

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

Recently I was reading a beautiful sermon by Monsignor Charles Pope, in which he reflects on his experience of visiting Bethlehem in the Holy Land. He begins by saying that the entire experience is marked by humility — it is humbling from start to finish. You arrive in Bethlehem, and the first thing you must do is step off the bus and submit to a search by soldiers holding assault rifles. They go through your belongings and examine you closely. It is uncomfortable and humiliating. Then you continue your journey to the place where Jesus was born. To reach it, you must climb a very steep hill. When you arrive, you are faced with a very low door — only about four or five feet high. Normally doors are six feet or more, but this one was deliberately built low to prevent horsemen from entering and desecrating the holy site. To pass through it, you must stoop down, bend over, and enter in a posture of humility. Inside, you join a queue and wait — sometimes for an hour or two. When your turn comes, you carefully descend a very steep staircase. It is narrow and dangerous; you must move slowly and attentively. Eventually, you reach the place itself: a small cave, a hole in the ground, where you are invited to ponder the mystery of where the God of the universe became human. God is teaching us what real humility is. A God who out of love for you and me stooped down from the highest heavens into a cave housing animals to show us the lengths He's willing to go to save us. How often do we find ourselves in queues, in airports, or in public places, muttering, "This is a disgrace," or "We deserve better than this," or complaining about poor service? How often do we struggle to be patient, to humble ourselves, to let others go before us? Bishop Barron always says that the greatest spiritual lesson we will ever learn is this: **your life is not all about you.** Because we are part of something much larger — God's great plan of creation and salvation. God is building realities far greater than any one of us, and the Church itself is part of that great plan. So this Christmas, as we ponder the Incarnation — the Word made flesh — let us ponder humility. Let us pray for the grace to be humble. As we begin a new year, may we realise that humility actually makes life easier. As the Latin phrase reminds us: *Humilitas Veritas* — humility is truth and the truth will set us free. Let's live in freedom and peace this new year.