



Local Priest: Fr. Jim Lenihan, P.P.

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Office Hours: Mon/Tues 10am to 3pm to book Masses, Baptisms, Weddings.

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GBC Radio: 98.6fm for all Masses from Glenflesk Church.

Masses: Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th January

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 10th	6.00pm	Patrick & Catherine Moynihan, Headford West and their sons Tim & Jim and their daughter-in-law Hannah.
Saturday 17th	6.00pm	Paddy & Hannah O'Donovan, Rusheenmore. Mary O'Brien, Brewsterfield & The Shop, Glenflesk (1st Anni)

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 11th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 18th	9.30am	Mass

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 11th	11.00am	Catherine O'Leary, Currow (Anni)
		Bridie Healy, Old Bridge, Headford (Anni)
Friday 16th	7.30pm	Tim & Kitty Bowler, Lisbabe (Anni)
Sunday 18th	11.00am	Willie Bartlett, Upper Barraduff (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:

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: on 17th /18th January for the Needs of the Holy Land.

ADORATION: Every Monday in the Sacred Heart Church from 10 am to 1 p.m.

St. Agathas 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Our Lady of the Wayside 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: On behalf of Killarney St. Vincent de Paul Conference we wish to thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas 2025 Appeal and for your continuing support throughout the year. Wishing you a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy 2026.

'IRELAND LIGHTS UP': Glenflesk Healthy GAA Club are proud to be participants. In connection with this Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club have registered for the My Life Every Step Counts Challenge 2026. The challenge begins on January 8th in Glenflesk GAA pitch at 7.00pm for 40 days and runs until 12th February. Everyone welcome.

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

One of my greatest joys as a priest has been the privilege of baptising people. Be they babies, young children in school, or adults. In every baptism, I try to help families appreciate what an extraordinary gift this sacrament truly is. Pope Saint John Paul II was once asked, what was the greatest day of his life; many expected him to say the day he became Pope, but he replied simply: the day I was baptised. Why? Because whether you're a Pope, Ordained Priest or a member of the lay faithful we were all 'anointed' at baptism. We are all Chrismated, in other words made another Christ. And who were the people anointed in the Bible? Priests, Prophets and Kings. During the anointing with chrism, immediately after Baptism, we pray these words - 'That as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king, so too may we live always as members of His Body, sharing in everlasting life'. On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I want to share this beautiful truth on Baptism. Through Baptism, we are not only made members of the Church, but anointed to share in Christ's own mission as **Priest, Prophet, and King** — a calling that gives our daily lives purpose and direction. So let us look at these three archetypes of the Christian life from a lay person's perspective.

Priest: Most lay people would balk at being called a priest. Yet when we reflect on what a priest does—offering sacrifices, praying for the people, mediating between God and His people—we see that this is not so far from the life of every Christian.

As parents, do we pray for our spouse and children? Do we bless our children before they sleep? As children, do we pray for our parents? At Holy Mass, the priest invites us: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." As lay faithful, we are called to unite our daily sacrifices with the perfect sacrifice of Christ in the Holy Mass. Yet a recent parish survey revealed that 80% of the baptised do not attend Mass regularly. The question is, do we participate in the source of our spiritual strength?

Prophet: A prophet is someone summoned by God to speak on His behalf. This is not an easy task, but every baptised person shares in this prophetic office. Do we speak publicly about our faith? Do we study and know our faith? Do we own a Bible and a catechism? At Baptism, parents are called to be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith, bearing witness through words and actions. Every Christian is called to study, live and proclaim the truth of Christ.

King: Called to Lead and Serve with Wisdom. The kingly office is about leadership, guidance and encouragement. Are we people of wisdom? Do we recognize the gifts and talents of others, helping them to grow for the good of the community and the glory of God? Do we play our part in building the Kingdom of God—whether at home, at work or in our parish?

Conclusion: I pray for every baptised person in our community that we may live our baptismal call fully—as priests who pray and offer sacrifice, as prophets who witness and proclaim, and as kings who lead and serve with wisdom. Let us not shrink from our calling but embrace it with courage and joy, for in doing so, we become the faithful image of Christ in the world.