

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

15 March 2026 - 4th. Sunday of Lent

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We Pray for our dead: **Bethy Griffin née McGillycuddy** Cooleanig, Beaufort and Glencar, Kerry and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

| Date   | Time         | St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries            |
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| Sun  | 15 11:30 am  | Patrick & Maureen Clifford – Keelnabrack Lwr.                |
| Mon  | 16           |  |
| Tue  | 17 11:30 am  | Feast of St. Patrick– Patron Saint of Ireland                |
| Wed  | 18           |  |
| Thu  | 19           |  |
| Fri  | 20 6:30 pm.  | Mary P O'Sullivan & Mary & Mike Ned O' Sullivan - Rossbeigh  |
| Sat  | 21 6:00 pm   | Parish Vigil Mass St Stephen's Church Glencar                |
| Sun  | 22 11:30 am. | Kyle Corkery - Colorado USA & Keelnabrack                    |
| St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries |              |  |
| Sat  | 14 6:00 pm.  | Private Intention  |
|  | 15 6:00 pm.  | Vigil Mass for Feast of St. Patrick– Patron Saint of Ireland |
| Sat  | 21 6:00 pm.  | Kathleen & James Morris & Pat Morris                         |

## Emigrant Services Special Collection

The annual collection for Emigrant Services will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, 14/15 March. This collection supports the ongoing Chaplaincy to Irish people in the Irish Church's Emigrant Mission in England America and Europe.

## Come and See Day

**Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** - Come and See Day The Come & See Day is dedicated to exploring the call to diocesan priesthood. It will include informative talks, time for personal prayer, opportunities to ask questions and guidance on discerning your vocation. It will be held in the Pallotine Centre, Thurles, E41 A271, on Saturday 11th April, from 11.00am - 4.30pm. Booking is essential and must be made through the National Vocations Office: [carol.king@vocations.ie](mailto:carol.king@vocations.ie)

Watch this Vocation Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOvxs1UAs1Y> Chat with your Priest!

## MOTHERS DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, I approach you to give thanks to all mothers who so generously and freely give love, comfort, and guidance to their children every day.

I ask you, Lord, to give them strength to carry on doing their work. Give them patience and let them see that they are loved, appreciated, and respected.

I thank you for the sacrifice each mother makes every day. And I pray you to bless them and touch them with your Grace.

I pray this in your mighty name. Amen

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Begins After Mass

at 12:15 pm

All Welcome.

No Cars in the GAA Grounds.

Drops Offs outside Gates

Come and enjoy a great celebration.



Parish Office Closed St Patrick's Day

## About Today

Traditionally, this Sunday called Laetare Sunday which means 'a day for joy'. At this midpoint of Lent, it is traditional to honour mothers, it's **Mother's Day today**, treasuring those still with us and praying for those we have lost to death.

## Vocations:

We continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood. Lets put the question out there to someone we might feel has a Religious vocation. Did you ever consider becoming a Priest?

## Penitential preparation

o prepare ourselves for this celebration and our participation in it, let us call to mind our sins. let us call to mind our sins.

Let us remember the love we have experienced in our lives and call to mind the times we failed to show love.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life,

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins,

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood.

**Lord, have mercy**

## Prayer

God our Creator, show forth your mighty works in the midst of your people.

Enlighten your Church,

that we may know your Son

as the true light of the world

and through our worship confess him

as Christ and Lord, who lives and reigns

with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God for ever and ever.

## Introduction to the Scripture Readings

**Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13** — God's choice of the young boy Samuel is described in the first reading.

**Ephesians 5:8-14** — The second reading and Gospel both reflect on light and darkness, and the new sight that believers can have.

**John 9:1-41** — The healing of the man born blind is described: believers also need to go from blindness to new sight.

## Laetare Sunday

Laetare is the first word — meaning "rejoice" — in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) **the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances.** The Sunday is considered a day of hope with Easter and our celebration of The Lord's resurrection at last within sight

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL,



1. A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are:

2. The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you?

3. The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to see the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point?

4. The Pharisees seem to have had a collective blindness that blocked them from seeing what God was doing in Jesus. Perhaps in today's world you can see examples of collective blindness when people want to avoid an awkward truth, e.g. about the damage being done to our planet by human activity.

5. There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

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## SPRING DUES -

Please remember to hand in your

SPRING DUES

Thank you



## Ministries Next Sunday

Minister of the Word

Ann Griffin - Droum

Minister/s of the Eucharist

Michael Griffin - High Rd

Bernadette O'Connor - Curraheen