



**Local Priest:** Fr. Jim Lenihan, P.P. **OFFICE CLOSED:** Tuesday 17th March  
**Parish Office:** St. Agatha's Parish Centre, Headford, Killarney. V93 X0C2.  
**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 14th to Sunday 22nd March**

**St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:**

Saturday 14th	6.00pm	Johnny & Joan Kelleher, Knockanimirish.
Monday 16th	6.00pm	<b>VIGIL: ST. PATRICK'S DAY.</b>
Wednesday 18th	9.30am	Mass for the people of the parish.
Friday 20th	7.30pm	Confirmation Service of Light
Saturday 21st	6.00pm	Bridie & Patrick O'Leary, Kippaugh (Anni)

**Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:**

Sunday 15th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Mass

**Sacred Heart, Barraduff:**

Sunday 15th	11.00am	James J. O'Connor, Knockdurath (Anni) & deceased of the O'Connor family Nor Cahill, Barraduff (Anni)
Tuesday 17th	11.00am	<b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> Jack & Margaret Dineen, Headford (Anni)
Thursday 19th	7.30pm	Ignatius O'Leary, Beheenagh (Anni)
Sunday 22nd	11.00am	Teresa Casey, Annaghmore (Anni) Mick & Bridie O'Donoghue, Kilquane & their son Denis & deceased family members.

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:** Fr. Pádraig Kennelly 083 3541877  
**PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS:** Monday Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998  
 Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

**NOTICES:**

**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.  
**40 HOURS ADORATION:** in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney, 6 pm on 27th  
 March concluding before 11am Mass on the 29th March.  
**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** To the family of Kevin O'Riordan, Shronaboy and to  
 the family of Thomas Guiry, Rusheenmore. May Kevin & Thomas Rest In Peace.  
**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:** this weekend for Emigrant Services.  
**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION FOR THE KILLAHA GRAVEYARD**  
**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** will take place at the churches in the parish on  
 the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. All support is warmly welcomed.

**THE LEGION OF MARY:** are holding their annual Acies Ceremony (consecration  
 to Jesus through Mary) on Sunday 22nd March @ 3 p.m. in the Church of the  
 Resurrection, Park Road Killarney. Tea follows in the parish centre. Everyone is  
 invited to come and join in making the consecration.

**MEN OF ST JOSEPH:** Currow Parish Centre Sunday 15th March at 7.30pm.

**DÍLIS DON BHEATHA:** Faithful to Life is the theme for the inaugural conference  
 hosted by Health Professionals for Life. The conference is open to the public and to  
 health professionals and will be held at The Rose Hotel Tralee on Saturday 21st March  
 Registration is from 10.30am. Details on Eventbrite or from 087 6970856.

**A TASTE OF PALESTINE:** Come to Noelle's Cafe, Market Lane, Killarney on Sat 21st  
 March (12pm-3pm) for Palestinian food. All proceeds go to displaced families in Gaza.

**A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....**

At the moment the Parish of Glenflesk, together with the four schools of the parish,  
 is in the midst of rehearsals in preparation for our Confirmation ceremony, which will  
 take place on March 25th at 3:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome to come  
 along and pray for those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is  
 fitting that we celebrate Confirmation at this time of year, because these Sundays of  
 Lent have, for the last two thousand years, been known as the three Scrutinies. These  
 take place on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. Each Sunday includes preparatory  
 ceremonies for those who are receiving the Rite of Christian Initiation, which  
 culminates at the Easter Vigil. During these weeks we pray especially for our sixty  
 confirmandi. In this Sunday's first reading from 1 Samuel 16, we hear how David was  
 chosen and anointed: "At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he  
 stood with his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with  
 him from that day on."

My sincere prayer for our sixty children is that they too, like David, will be seized by  
 the Holy Spirit, transformed, and never be the same again. Being anointed with the  
 holy oil of Chrism has been part of the Church's life for millennia. When someone was  
 anointed, it was never meant to be a mere harmless ritual, but rather a life-altering  
 experience. Through this sacrament these children are confirmed in their baptismal  
 calling to share in Christ's mission as Priest, Prophet and King. The horn that held the  
 oil for David is itself a powerful symbol, representing the strength and grace that God  
 bestows. These children are being called into a spiritual struggle. Traditionally,  
 Confirmation called Christians to be soldiers for Christ. If anyone believes that there  
 is no real struggle between the forces of good and evil in our world, it can only be  
 due to blindness or naivety. As Edmund Burke famously said: "The only thing  
 necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." I pray that these  
 children will realise that they are born for this time, and like David would consider  
 themselves not suitable for the mission. Yet David like all those who were anointed  
 after him, realised what St. Paul said to the Corinthians "But God chose what is  
 foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to  
 shame the strong."