



**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 7th to Sunday 15th March**

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

Saturday 7th 6.00pm Patrick O'Donoghue, Coracow (Anni)  
Helen Healy, Plymouth, Galway and Beara  
(Rec Dec)

Friday 13th 9.30am Mass

Saturday 14th 6.00pm Johnny & Joan Kelleher, Knockanimirish.

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

Sunday 8th 9.30am Mass

Sunday 15th 9.30am Mass

**Sacred Heart, Barraduff:**

Sunday 8th 11.00am Seán, Denis & Bernie Dennehy, Artigallivan.  
Donal & Nora Ann Murphy, Headford.

Thursday 12th 9.30am Mass

Sunday 15th 11.00am James J. O'Connor, Knockdurath (Anni)  
& deceased of the O'Connor family

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:** Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998

**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.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION:** 14th/15th March for Emigrant Services.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY:** To the family of Helen Healy, Plymouth, Galway & Beara who died recently (sister of Mary Casey, Gortacoosh). Rest in peace, Helen.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS WEEKEND:** will be held in St Johns Rest, Knock from 13th to 15th March. Knock House Hotel is giving a special rate. To book please phone 094 9388088 quoting reference 56830.

**KILLAHA GRAVEYARD DEVELOPMENT AGM:** in the Kerry Way at 7:30pm on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. New members welcome.

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION FOR THE KILLAHA GRAVEYARD**

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** will take place at the churches in the parish the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. All support is warmly welcomed.

**LENTEN ONLINE TALK SERIES:** "Beyond Almsgiving," on 10th and 24th March at 7.30pm. Information and registration: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**PRAYER AND HEALING WEEKEND:** on Saturday and Sunday 14th and 15th of March in Rochestown Park Hotel from 9.30am until 5.30pm both days. Prayer, Praise and worship, confessions, Spiritual Accompaniment and Holy Mass each day. Booking not necessary. Enquiries Pat 0872905528 or Tom 0876468658.

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

Every Third Sunday of Lent the Church, in her wisdom, teaches—as she has throughout the centuries—to the catechumens about the indescribable mercy of God through the beautiful Gospel of the Woman at the Well from the Gospel of John, where Jesus Christ meets the Samaritan woman. There are countless spiritual truths in this Gospel, here are just four to ponder for the week. **First**, God relentlessly pursues us. The poem The Hound of Heaven by Francis Thompson reminds us that God never gives up on the human soul. Despite the fact that he was speaking publicly to a woman (against convention), despite the fact that she was a Samaritan (Jews did not engage with Samaritans), and despite her sinful past (several marriages), Jesus reaches out to her. For most religions it is always an act of humanity searching for God, but in our Christian faith God actively searches for us. Our God desires to save every soul. Also, when a man meets a woman at a well, biblically it's a symbol of a Nuptial relationship. God wants to wed us. **Second**, Jesus offers "living water." As Augustine of Hippo wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Within every human being there is a heavenly infinite cavern that can only be filled by God. When people do not realise this, they try to fill it with everything finite, which often leads to addictions—a frantic attempt to fill the infinite with the finite. The human heart has a deep longing that only God can satisfy. When we try to fill that space with other things, we never find lasting peace. Only a relationship with God brings true fulfilment. The Woman at the Well found this in Jesus, the living water.

**Third**, Jesus came not merely to reform but to transform. Through her encounter with Christ, the woman moves from sin to mission and becomes an evangelist. The villagers can see that she has been visibly transformed by pure love. A genuine encounter with Jesus changes us, and that change naturally draws others to God. **Fourth**, is found in Jesus' words that we must worship God "in spirit and in truth." For the woman, the important question was whether God should be worshipped in Jerusalem, as the Jews believed, or on Mount Gerizim, as the Samaritans believed. Jesus explains that a time is coming when worship will not be tied to a particular place. Instead, true worship will be offered in spirit and in truth. The Catechism teaches that authentic Christian worship is made possible by the Holy Spirit. CCC 1071 states: "The liturgy is the work of Christ... In it full public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ." This means that worship is not just external ritual. May this Lenten Gospel remind us that God pursues us, satisfies our deepest thirst, transforms our lives, and calls us to authentic worship and joyful mission.