

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

3 May 2026 - 5th. Sunday of Easter

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We Pray for our dead: And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Date	Time	St. James' Glenbeigh - Intentions / Anniversaries
Sun	3 11:30 pm	Paddy & Bridie O' Shea - Curraheen & Reenalagane & deceased of the O' Shea & Teahan families.
Mon	4	
Tue	5 6:30 pm	Paddy (Darky) Riordan - Droum West
Wed	6	
Thur	7	
Fri	8 6:30 pm	Jimmy Foley - High Road,
Sat	9 10:30 am. 6:00 pm	First Holy Communion for children attending Glenbeigh & Curraheen National Schools. Parish Vigil Mass - Glencar Church - See Below
Sun	10 11:30 am.	Jim & Jane Diggin - Coolnaharriagel
St Stephen's Church - Glencar - Intentions / Anniversaries		
Sun	2 6:00pm	
Sat	9 6:00pm	

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 Darkness into light walk will take place 9th. May @4:15am. Meeting at Ocean Delights Takeaway Rossbeigh

Reflection

'He's the life of the party' is a compliment of high regard in certain circles. He's the spark plug, the guarantee for an entertaining evening. If he's not there, a deflated feeling hangs in the air and everybody wonders if there isn't a better way to be spending their time.

A life lived with Jesus is never dull. He is the 'Life' of more than just a party.

The Christian with an intense relationship with Christ is completely fulfilled – he/she is never bored, nor is he/she boring.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season 2026

3. Day Pilgrimage - in the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil Pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day from 29th May to 13th August

1 Day Retreat - a day of guided prayer and reflection on selected dates in May, August & September

Quiet Day - a self-directed day in the peace of Station Island Friday 22nd May & 11th September

Heritage Day - visit Lough Derg during National Heritage Week Thursday 20th August at 11.30am & 2.30pm

Lakeshore Pilgrimage - along the Pilgrim Path, Sunday 30th August, in the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries

Booking is essential for all the options (071) 9861518, info@loughderg.org



Ministries Next Sunday
Minister of the Word
Patricia Griffin - High Road
Minister/s of the Eucharist/s
Mary O'Mountain Stage

Opening Comment
liturgy puts the life-giving words of Jesus before us. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, the one in whom we can place all our trust. Because we believe these things, we gather to praise God.

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

Let us prepare ourselves for this celebration and our participation in it. let us call to mind in our lives.

Penitential Rite

Trusting in divine forgiveness, let us call to mind our sins: (pause)

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.**

Introduction to the Scripture Readings

Acts 6:1-7 — This describes the selection of the first deacons, a response to a pressing need in the early Church.

1 Peter 2:4-9 — Peter writes about our calling as Christians.

John 14:1-12 — Jesus describes himself as our saviour, the one who prepares a place for us.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospel

1. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.'

Trust in another person can help us in difficult times. Remember and give thanks for the people you were able to trust in difficult moments. Remember also when your faith in God helped you through anxious moments.

2. Thomas struggled with the desire, which is in all of us, to know exactly the destination before we set out. Jesus invites us to make an act of faith and to take one step at a time. Can you recall times when it helped you to take that trusting attitude to life?

3. Jesus proposed himself to Thomas as the way, the truth and the life. In what ways – either by his teaching or by his example – has Jesus been the way, the truth and the life for you on your faith journey?

4. Philip wanted Jesus to give him a glimpse of God and got the surprising answer 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'.



Jesus put a human face on the love of God. He gives us a glimpse of the divine. We are Jesus people in the world today, called to follow Jesus and to put a human face on the love of God for those who meet us. Who are the people whose love has helped you to believe in the love of God? To whom have you given an occasional glimpse of the divine?

Permanent Deacons – did you know?

· Today's first reading describes the selection of the first deacons, selected to help relieve the pressure on the Twelve Apostles who were struggling to meet the needs of the growing faith community. The identity of the deacon as a standalone minister fell away in the Middle Ages.

· Vatican II reintroduced permanent deacons, with the first ordinations in Germany, the US and the UK around 1970.

· The first permanent deacons in Ireland were ordained in 2012. There are 150 permanent deacons in Ireland today, including 11 in our diocese.

· Deacons, like priests, are ordained members of the clergy. The diaconate is a ministry of service to the Word, to assisting at the Altar during mass and to pastoral care. Deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and can perform the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, lead prayer services, give blessings, bury the dead and visit the sick.

· Most permanent deacons are married and work in secular employment. In March, Deacon Chris was assigned to our parish. Deacon Chris is married to Catherine, and they have two children. Deacon Chris is a native of Fenit – after spending 11 years living in the UK, Chris, Catherine and their family relocated to Caragh Lake in 2017. Deacon Chris is looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and months.

Offertory Collection & Dues Envelopes

This years Contribution Envelopes are delayed and hope to have them available from the Parish Office soon. In the interments we ask parishioners to use The **Weekly Offering/Donation Envelope** at the back of the church and put it into the basket. Please remember to put you name on it Or you can now submit your weekly offering or dues by card (Tap & Donate at the Kiosk at the Back of the Church, We thank you for your understanding. Your Support is very much appreciated.

