



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

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

Masses: Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd August

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 15th	6.00pm	Michael Lucey, Headford West (Anni) Denis & Mary Moynihan, Clasheens & Michael Doherty, Carrigeen (Anni)
Wednesday 19th	9.30am	Mass for the people of the parish.
Saturday 22nd	6.00pm	Jimmy Hegarty, Coosane & l/o Trim, Co. Meath (Rec Dec) Memorial Mass. Anne & Dan Murphy, Lisnagrove, & their daughters Geraldine & Eileen.

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 16th	9.30am	Nellie Doyle, Old Forge, Ironmills (Anni) Tim O'Brien, Inch, Clonkeen (Anni)
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Francie Casey, Frehanaugh, Clonkeen (A)

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Saturday 15th	11.00am	FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Micheál & Maureen O'Donoghue, Barraduff.
Sunday 16th	11.00am	Charlie McCarthy, Rathmore. Patrick (Pa) Riordan, Annaghmore (Anni)
Thursday 20th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 23rd	11.00am	James O'Sullivan, Barraduff Village (Anni) Kathleen Healy, Old Bridge, Headford(Anni)

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Fr. Noel Spring 087 2935969

PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS: Monday Fr. Pat O'Donnell 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.

KERRY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: next Saturday August 22nd, 2026. Bus leaving Glenflesk Church at 7am. Contact 087 2547361 for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: would like your help to start a conference to serve Barraduff, Headford & Glenflesk area. If you are interested in helping please contact Ann Marie on 021 4270444. We will give all the help needed.

THE KILLARNEY ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP: are organizing a pilgrimage to Italy visiting places associated with St. Pio. The group will also be going to Assisi where they will be able to venerate the mortal remains of St. Carlo Acutis. Contact Michael Clifford at 095 1309835 if you need more information.

EVENING OF HEALING: praise, worship and Holy Mass with Fr. John Keane supported by Deacon Thady O'Connor in St. Agatha's Church, Glenflesk on Friday 28th August. Starts at 7pm with Rosary. Enquiries 087 9360098 or 087 2405568

EMPOWER CUMASÚ PROGRAMME: applications are now open. Are you a female living in the Gaeltacht looking to start or grow your own business? Apply now: <https://empowerprogramme.ie/> Places are limited. The closing date 5:00pm on Friday, 4th September 2026. Info from 091 742851 / michelle.lee@atu.ie

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

Recently I've been pondering on the great sports coaches and managers from different sports and eras. As a Manchester United fan, I've been always inspired by Sir Matt Busby and later Sir Alex Ferguson, who brought struggling teams to great success. Our great rivals had Bill Shankly, who took Liverpool from the Second Division to winning the First Division title only four years after taking over. Recently I discovered the legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi. A devout Catholic and a great man of faith, Lombardi believed coaching was about far more than winning matches. He wanted to form people. Those who played under him found him extremely demanding. He pushed them relentlessly, even mercilessly at times, but many later realised he did so because he could see in them something they could not yet see in themselves. I thought of Lombardi when reading this Sunday's Gospel and the extraordinary encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman. She cries out to Jesus for healing and deliverance for her suffering daughter. At first, Jesus seems almost shockingly harsh. His response moves from silence to a brush-off to what sounds like an outright insult. He tells her that He has come only for the Chosen People. But she doesn't give up. She kneels before Him: "Lord, help me." Then comes the greatest test: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs." With indomitable spirit, she replies: "Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Jesus answers: "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted." And from that moment her daughter was well again. She could so easily have walked away offended, like we'd see today in what's often called the 'Snowflake' generation—so easily offended and quitting as soon as problems arise. Instead, her perseverance revealed extraordinary faith, humility and courage. This Canaanite woman teaches us to trust God even when things are going against us, and that faith and perseverance are essential in becoming the best versions of ourselves. God is not finished coaching us yet—He knows who we can become if we place our trust in His grace.