



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

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Masses: Saturday 17th to Sunday 25th October

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 17th	6.00pm	Dan Moynihan, Station Road, Headford. Bridget Furlong, Islandmore, Clonkeen.
Thursday 22nd	7.30pm	Station Mass for Rossalia, Shroneaboy, Killaha, Lough Guittane, Rusheenmore/beag Curreal, Curraglas, Droumnaharee & Annies. Gillian Noonan, Carrigrohane, Cork (Anni)
Saturday 24th	6.00pm	

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 18th	9.30am	Paddy O'Donoghue, Gortlicka, Clonkeen & the deceased of the O'Donoghue family.
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Jeremiah & Mary Brosnan, Knockanimirish.

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 18th	11.00am	Michael Doherty, Ballinspittle & I/o Headford (Months Mind) Hannah Culloty, Annaghmore & deceased of the Culloty family.
Tuesday 20th	7.30pm	Station Mass for Calfmount, Cornhill, Carrigeen & Knockanimirish.
Friday 23rd	7.30pm	Timmy O'Leary, Currow (Anni)
Sunday 25th	11.00am	Mass

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Fr. Pat O'Donnell 087 6501998

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.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION: at all Masses this weekend for Mission Sunday.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY: To the family of Bridie O'Leary (née Cremin), Cornhill.

May Bridie rest in peace.

FREE HSE INFORMATION EVENING: Learn about Fair Deal, Enduring Power of Attorney, Sage Advocacy, Age Friendly Homes and more Information stands from 7.30pm, talks begin at 8pm on Tuesday, 20th October: Killarney Heights Hotel, Cork Rd, Killarney, V93 XKR4.

NOVEMBER MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE YEAR:

A special Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, 14th November at 6.00pm** in St. Agatha's Church, Glenflesk, in memory of all those whose funeral Masses were celebrated in our parish during the past year (November 2025 - November 2026). We also warmly invite parishioners to submit the names of loved ones who have died during the year but whose funerals took place outside the parish. These names will be included and remembered at our Annual Mass for the Dead. Please give names to Jackie in the Parish Office by Friday 6th November.

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

Over the past twenty years, Ireland has undergone an extraordinary transformation. We have moved from a society deeply rooted in Christianity to one increasingly shaped by secular values. As one English commentator recently remarked, Ireland has gone from organising itself around the Catholic religion to organising itself around the "woke religion." We see this in changing attitudes towards the sacredness of human life, marriage, family and the place of Christianity in public life. There was a time when people looked to the Gospel, the 10 Commandments and the teachings of the Church as their moral compass. Today, many look instead to politicians, legislators and the laws of the land. The assumption seems to be that if something is legal, it must be morally right. But since when did a majority vote determine what is good or evil? Let us not forget Nazi Germany, where appalling injustices were given the force of law and accepted or tolerated by so many. History reminds us that something can be perfectly legal and yet profoundly immoral. The law of the land is not necessarily the law of God. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Jesus asks for a coin: "Whose image is this?" "Caesar's," they reply. But there is a deeper question. If the coin bears Caesar's image, whose image do you and I bear? Genesis gives us the answer: we are created in the image and likeness of God. Jesus is not telling us to disregard civil authority. We have a Christian responsibility to be good citizens, pay our taxes, respect just laws and contribute to the common good. But Caesar is not God. Governments have legitimate authority, but that authority has limits.

When the laws of the state conflict with God's law, our first allegiance must always be to God. As St Peter reminds us, "We must obey God rather than men." The coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his image. But we belong to God because we bear his image. God doesn't simply want an hour on Sunday or a few prayers. He wants our hearts, our minds and our whole lives. Perhaps that is the real challenge of today's Gospel: Who ultimately governs my life? Caesar, with his changing laws and values, or God, whose truth never changes? So who do I belong to Caesar? (Our government) or do I belong to God? Give Caesar what is rightly his, but never give Caesar what belongs to God.