THE PARISH OF GLENFLESK

ST. AGATHAS GLENFLESK · THE SACRED HEART BARRADUFF · OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CLONKEEN

Local Priest: Fr. Jim Lenihan, P.P.
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Masses: Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th November

St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:

Saturday 7th	6.00pm	Jack & Bridie O'Sullivan, Knockanimirish. Dan Favier, Curraglas (Anni)
Wednesday 11th	9.30am	Mass for the Holy Souls
Thursday 12th	9.30am	Mass for the deceased members of the Legion of Mary.
Saturday 14th	6.00pm	Mass for those who have died during the year (Nov 2025 - Nov 2026)

Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:

Sunday 8th	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday 10th	7.30pm	Mass for the deceased members of The Adoration Group.
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Mass

Sacred Heart, Barraduff:

Sunday 8th	11.00am	Hannah Mary Looney, Calfmount (Anni)
Friday 13th	7.30pm	Dan & Nuala Moynihan, Shronedraugh.
Sunday 15th	11.00am	Jim Moynihan, Rossacroo, Headford (Anni) Donie Looney, Cornhill, Headford (Anni)

PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND: Fr. Joe Begley 087 650 1998
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: this weekend -Irish Church Commissions & Agencies.

FIRST SATURDAY CONFERENCE: in Knock on Saturday 28th November 2026. 10am to 5pm approx. Ring Ellis Farley 087 6341538 for bus & further info.

THE PRESENTATION SISTERS invite women aged 20–45 to a day of exploration and reflection on Saturday, 28th November 2026, from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm, at Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard, Portarlington, Co. Laois. Register by 18th November: secretary@mountstannes.com or 057 862 6153.

GLENFLESK BAZAAR RAFFLE: Win a signed Troy Parrott Ireland International Jersey! Tickets €10 each or 3 for €20. To enter and be in with a chance of winning, simply scan the QR code. Draw at Glenflesk Bazaar, Sunday 22nd November.

DICK GODSIL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: We would be grateful if anyone in the area that would have any photos or memorabilia pertaining to Cadbury's Rathmore or the Dairy Disposal Company to make them available to Liam at 087 6551440. All photos will be copied and returned. Thank you.

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....

You'll notice that all our daily and Sunday Gospels at this time of year are very apocalyptic. The theme is "Be Ready!!!" This weekend's Gospel uses a very familiar analogy for a first-century Jew: bridesmaids awaiting the coming of the bridegroom to accompany him and his bride to a hall to celebrate the wedding feast. Of course, Jesus is the Bridegroom who, as Scripture tells us, wants to marry His people. The bridesmaids represent all of us. We too can be either wise or foolish. All the bridesmaids look very similar. All are invited, all have lamps, all are waiting, and indeed, all fall asleep! This is a reminder that we're all similar in the sense that we all have the capacity to be saints and sinners. We can be strong and we can be weak. But what makes us wise or foolish depends on whether or not we are prepared for our eternal union with God and have done what we can to accept His invitation to Heaven when the time comes. Some of us have an eternal perspective; others have a here-and-now perspective. Some have oil in their flasks; others don't. And this oil represents our spiritual readiness to meet Christ — a living faith, nourished by daily prayer, God's grace, good works and a personal relationship with Him. I've always wondered, especially from a Christian perspective, why didn't the wise bridesmaids share their oil with the foolish ones? The answer is that there are certain things we cannot share, certain things we cannot borrow from another person. You cannot borrow someone else's character. You cannot borrow someone else's relationship with God. You cannot borrow someone else's spiritual preparation. And finally, then, come some of the most frightening words in the whole Bible. When the foolish bridesmaids eventually arrive, they find the door closed. They cry out, "Lord, Lord, open to us." But the bridegroom replies, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Their failure was not a lack of intention, but a lack of preparation. There is a great difference between intending to live a Christian life and actually living one. We can spend years saying: "When I have more time, I'll pray." "When things settle down, I'll return to Mass." "One of these days, I'll go to Confession." "Someday, I'll make peace with that person." But the Gospel reminds us that someday is not a date on the calendar! So, ask yourself the question: God forbid, if we died today, would you have oil in your lamp? Have you prepared?