



Holy Cross Church, Kenmare

Kenmare Parish

Kenmare Pastoral Area including parishes of Glengarriff, Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Tuosist and Sneem
Fr George Hayes, Parish Priest

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Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., Friday 10.00 a.m. to 5.00p.m.

Sunday 26th November 2023 ~ Christ the King



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,
Templenoe

Direendarragh: Tuesday 5th December at 7p.m.
~ John & Bridie Sheehan, Direen ~ Anniversary
~ Patrick & Kathleen Doyle, Scarteen ~ Anniversary

Templenoe: next mass will take place on 12th December at 7p.m.

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat 25 th	Christ the King (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Betty McKenna, Bandon & Kenmare ~ First Anniversary Dan O'Sullivan, Gortagass & his parents Tim & Bell O'Sullivan ~ Anniversary
Sun 26 th		12 noon	Ettie O'Sullivan, Sneem Road & late of 26 Henry Street ~ First Anniversary Denis O'Sullivan Morgan, Gortamullen
Mon 27 th	St Fergal	10.00a.m.	Cornelius & Margaret McMahon and deceased members of McMahon family, Cork
Tue 28 th	34 th Week in Ordinary time	10.00a.m.	Joseph Power, Dublin ~ Anniversary
Wed 29 th	34 th Week in Ordinary time	10.00a.m.	Chris & Carmel Murphy, Gortrooskagh ~ Remembrance
Thur 30 th	St Andrew	10.00a.m.	Houlihan family, Letter & Dan O'Leary, Cleady
Fri 1 st	34 th Week in Ordinary time	10.00a.m.	Eileen Murphy, Sneem & Kenmare ~ Anniversary
Sat 2 nd	First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Tom Foley, The Marshes ~ Anniversary
Sun 3 rd	First Sunday of Advent	12 noon	Mary O'Leary & Mary Jeffers, Cork ~ Anniversary McCarthy family, Tulloha; Dan, Christina, Eoin & Christine

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CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening from 7pm - 7.20pm

Holy Hour Sunday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

19 th November	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€807	€954	€1,761

† Recently Deceased †

We remember in our prayers **Darren Hussey**, Kilmurry and **Nora (Tess) O'Connell (née Harrington)**, Gortacloughane, Blackwater whose funerals took place during the week.

May their gentle souls rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved.



Pastor's Pondering

It's time to return to writing some ponderings! I have been on an extended sabbatical from writing these weekly musings. As you know, there is no particular theme to these streams of consciousness – they could be a reflection on something I read, an experience I had, or some thought or opinion which I would like to share. I was reading something about the sign of peace which we share at mass. At the beginning of mass, we share the penitential rite – we confess our sin and ask for forgiveness. We listen to the Liturgy of the Word (readings, homily and prayer of faithful) and we then share in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when we offer the bread and wine and, at the prayer of consecration, we believe, in faith, these simple gifts are transformed into the life giving real presence of Christ. So when we exchange the sign of peace, we are reflecting the reality that we have shared in this really important moment. And it is really important to understand that what we are sharing is **Christ's peace** – it is not *our peace* that we share with a simple handshake. We are extending Christ's peace to each other. Some people may think I don't want to shake someone else's hand – for that person the symbol is ineffectual and superficial. But when we realise that it is Christ's peace that we are sharing, that should transform our attitude to the simple ritual. So, the next time you are present at mass and the sign of peace is being offered, know that you are not offering your peace – you are offering *Christ's peace*, Christ who is real and present in that Eucharist and that Mass. *The peace of the Lord be with you always – and with your Spirit*, is our prayer, at each mass. Let us be aware of the great gift we are offering and the great benefit it can bring. (Fr. George Hayes)



Next weekend, December 2nd & 3rd, at all the masses, we will have a collection for the **Diocesan Youth Services**. Your generosity is much appreciated, as always.



Ministers of the Word – December 2023

Saturday 2 nd 7.30pm	Sunday 3 rd 12 noon
Bernie McGonigle	Ellen Murnane

Carol Service



The Cork-based chamber choir, MusiCórú will present a programme of lessons and carols on Saturday 16th December at 5pm in Holy Cross. All are welcome and entry is free. A retiring collection will be taken up.



Online Music Workshop for Advent

Inviting all church musicians/singers/choir members/directors to an online music workshop (Via Zoom) on **Tuesday, November 28th at 7pm**. Please let Tomás Kenny know if you'd like to attend and the Zoom link will be sent to you. Contact Tomás via phone (086) 3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie



Community Notices

Advent – you are invited to spend some quiet time in reflection & prayer with the Sunday Gospels of Advent in the Sacristy of Holy Cross Church. Tuesday 5th, Tuesday 12th & Tuesday 19th December from 7.30pm-8.30pm. All Welcome.



Kenmare Youth Choir

For any young person who would like to get involved with a Youth Choir, please contact 087 7848065.



Taize Prayer for Advent at Dawros Church: Tuesday 5th December at 7:30 pm. All Welcome.

Collectors – December 2023

Saturday Vigil 7.30 pm	Sunday 12 noon
Joe O'Shea	Anna Donnery
Peter Krawczyk	Henry Hickey
Paudie Kelleher	Sean Jones
Flossy Cooper	Ursula McGearailt