



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 3rd December 2023 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent



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 2 nd	First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Tom Foley, The Marshes ~ Anniversary
Sun 3 rd		12 noon	Mary O'Leary & Mary Jeffers, Cork ~ Anniversary McCarthy family, Tulloha; Dan, Christina, Eoin & Christine
Mon 4 th	St John Damascene	10.00a.m.	Mary & Matilda Donovan, Main St ~ Anniversary
Tue 5 th	1 st Week of Advent	10.00a.m.	Tom & Dolly Randles and sister Eileen Randles, Shelbourne St
Wed 6 th	St Nicholas	10.00a.m.	Jerry & Connie McCarthy, 22 Main St ~ Anniversary
Thur 7 th	St Ambrose	10.00a.m.	Martin & Cissie Crushell, Killowen ~ Anniversary
Thur 7 th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	For the people of the Parish
Fri 8 th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	10.00a.m.	Liz Murphy, late of Henry St ~ Anniversary
Sat 9 th	2 nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Dan & Eileen Cronin, Dromcahan ~ Anniversary Denis (Dinny) Cremin, Raycoslough ~ Month's Mind and his family Denis, Joan & Dan Cremin
Sun 10 th	Enrolment Mass for Confirmands	12 noon	Bernie O'Sullivan, Carrigmore House ~ Anniversary Deceased members of Kenmare Active Retired Group

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CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening from 7pm - 7.20pm

Holy Hour Sunday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

† Recently Deceased †

We remember in our prayers **Mary Donoghue (née Shea), Lauragh**
whose funeral took place during the week.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved.



Pastor's Ponderings

I was reading something recently which referred to an Apostolic Exhortation, *C'est la confiance*, which Pope Francis wrote to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. It is interesting to note that Thérèse died at the age of 24 in 1897 in a contemplative convent in France and yet her writings on the spiritual life have been regarded as offering key insights into the spiritual life. Thérèse has also been declared a Patron of the Missions and a Doctor of the Church. In the short letter, Pope Francis says some interesting things which are particularly relevant when there is so much anxiety in our world. In our lives, we are often "assailed by fears, the desire for human security, the need to have everything under control" (23). The trust and therefore the abandonment in God that Thérèse promotes "sets us free from obsessive calculations, constant worry about the future and fears that take away our peace." "If we are in the hands of a Father who loves us without limits," quoting St. Therese, Pope Francis tells us, "this will be the case come what may; we will be able to move beyond whatever may happen to us and, in one way or another, his plan of love and fullness will come to fulfilment in our lives" (24). A key point which Pope Francis makes is that we evangelise, we bring others toward God by "attraction and not by pressure". How we live our lives can bring others toward God. Thérèse testifies to the radicalism of the Gospel. So living the Gospel is once again fundamentally about love and the absolute primacy of love. Don't be disheartened. Have faith. Believe in the power of love. And know that our world changes when each of us lives a life of love. It makes sense. It even works! (Fr. George Hayes)



This 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

Thursday 7 th Vigil 7.30pm	Mary Hendersen
Saturday 9 th 7.30pm	Sunday 10 th 12 noon
Cliona/Tiernan O'Shea	Cathal O'Donovan

Carol Service

The Cork-based chamber choir, MusiCórúm 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.



26 th November	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€997.75	€952.25	€1950

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.

Eucharistic Adoration at Dawros Church, Thursdays 4pm-5.30pm. All welcome.

St Vincent de Paul will be having its Christmas Church gate collection on the weekend of the 9th & 10th December.

