



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 10th December 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,
Templenoe

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

~ Peg & Jerry O'Connor and Patrick Crowley, Rossacussane ~ Anniversary

Direendarragh: next mass will take place on Christmas Eve at 6p.m.

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Day	Event	Time	Announcements
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 Norrie Keane, Railway Crescent ~ First Anniversary
Mon 11 th	St Damasus I	10.00a.m.	Peg Foley, Henry St ~ First Anniversary
Tue 12 th	St Finnian	10.00a.m.	Paudie O'Shea, Taobh Linn & Cummers, Lauragh ~ Anniversary
Wed 13 th	St Lucy	10.00a.m.	Charles & Dolly Waterhouse ~ Tahilla Cove ~ Anniversary
Thur 14 th	St John of the Cross	10.00a.m.	Twomey family; Patrick, Nora, Pat, Joe & Michael, Lackaroe
Fri 15 th	2 nd Week of Advent	10.00a.m.	Michael & Nora Connolly, Mucksnow ~ Remembrance
Sat 16 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Patrick Delaney, Tullig ~ Anniversary Darren Hussey, Kilmurry ~ Month's Mind
Sun 17 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent	12 noon	John & Ann Sullivan, Ashgrove ~ Anniversary Sean O'Shea, Melrose, Gortamullen ~ Anniversary

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CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening from 7pm - 7.20pm

Holy Hour Sunday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

3 rd December	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€665	€850	€1,515

Pastor's Ponderings

I always associate the beginning of Christmas preparations with December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. From my childhood, I can recall so much of the getting ready for Christmas – and so many of the memories involve food as well as the extra prayers, 15 of which were added to the end of the rosary each night during Advent, *the Hail and Blessed Prayer*. And I still remember the prayer: *Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in a stable at Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe O God to hear our prayers and grant our requests through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.* As a child, 15 extra of these prayers felt like long trimmings to the Rosary as well as all the other trimmings that were already included. Growing up on a farm and being the youngest of a large family, I also remember the Christmas preparations which involved food...the turkeys which had been reared would have to be sent on their way and plucked and cleaned, the plum puddings and Christmas cakes and mince pies would all have to be prepared by my mother, and, of course, the spiced beef would begin marinating in a great assembly of salts and spices about 8 weeks before Christmas, with a recipe which my mother had inherited from her own mother. And I also recall, the day my father would go off and get crates of minerals – Fanta, Seven Up and Coca Cola came in 8-inch glass bottles and the crates would be put away until Christmas Eve arrived. So I still associate special and different types of food with Christmas. In mid-October 2023, I was at a meeting in Killarney, at which there was some food at the conclusion of the meeting. I was offered mince pies in mid-October. I declined saying that I wouldn't be eating any mince pies before December 1st! The fact is that I really like good mince pies – and Kenmare has a great selection! And so on Saturday, December 2nd, I consumed my first mince pie of the Christmas season. Advent and Christmas continue to be special. And the person of Christ must be at the heart of all we celebrate. As we gaze into the crib, we realise that the reason for all our celebrations is a message of God's infinite love. God has loved the world so much that God has become one like us. The great and good God has taken on the vulnerability of a baby. We can truly rejoice. And we can eat delicious food and pray and celebrate. That's how memories are created. (Fr. George Hayes)

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Christmas Offering envelope in this collection if you have not already done so. The Christmas Offering envelope and collection, at the Christmas masses, forms part of the five envelopes that provide for the priests' income. No part of the Sunday collection is used for this purpose. We are extremely grateful for your continued support throughout the year.



Today we light the second candle of the Advent Wreath. With this candle we pray that the light of Christ will shine through us to everyone we meet.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Ministers of the Word – December 2023

Saturday 16 th 7.30pm	Sunday 17 th 12 noon
Kieran Moriarty	Anne Marie O'Sullivan

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. Light refreshments will be served.

Community Notices

Children from St John's National School will perform a selection of Christmas Carols in Holy Cross Church on Friday, December 15th, at 10.40a.m. All welcome.



SAVE THE DATE: The Golden Jubilee of the Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Assisted pilgrims will take place from Thursday 29th August to Tuesday 3rd September 2024. More Information to follow early in 2024.