



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 17th December 2023 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,
Templenoe

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

Templenoe: next mass will take place on Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m.

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

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
Mon 18 th	St Flannan	10.00a.m.	Jimmy Palmer, Fustane ~ Remembrance
Tue 19 th	3 rd Week of Advent	10.00a.m.	Denis O'Sullivan, London ~ Anniversary
Wed 20 th	St Fachanan	10.00a.m.	Norah McCarthy, Dromnevan ~ Anniversary
Thur 21 st	St Peter Canisius	10.00a.m.	Rita O'Brien, Claddanure East ~ First Anniversary
Fri 22 nd	St John of Kanty	10.00a.m.	Ellen O'Connor, Derrinacolough ~ Anniversary
Sat 23 rd	4 th Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Jimmy O'Sullivan (Runner), Gortamullen Heights ~ First Anniversary
Sun 24 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	12 noon	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>

10 th December	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€ 1349	€1296	€2645

Ministers of the Word – December 2023	
Saturday 23rd 7.30p.m.	Sunday 24th 12 noon
Bernie McGonigle	John Moriarty
Sunday 24th 9p.m.	Monday 25th
Denise Tangney	Anne Finn

Pastor's Ponderings

On Sunday, Pope Francis celebrates his 87th birthday so we pray health and happiness on our Holy Father and on his life and ministry. I was listening to something on the radio a while ago and it referred to some secrets for happiness in life. The speaker was a medical doctor and he alluded to several keys to happiness – one of the things he encouraged was *talking to strangers* . In psychological studies that have been undertaken, throughout the world, it has been shown that talking to a stranger is good for the person who initiates the conversation and good for the recipient. There was a feel-good factor afterwards for the two parties. The interaction, even with a stranger, reminds us that we are inherently social beings. So as Advent comes to a conclusion, and as Christmas approaches, maybe we should try it – it's fairly easy for those who are extroverts, a bit more difficult for introverts. But why not speak to the person in the café or speak to the person serving the coffee or exchange a few words with a person on a train or a bus or in a queue, maybe even in Church! We are inherently social beings and no amount of talking on the phone or scrolling through social media or virtual meetings can ever replace the human word and the moment of human interaction. Talk to a stranger. Try it in the week ahead. As they say, spread a little happiness!



Children are invited to sing in a children's choir at Our Lady of the Assumption, **Templenoe** during Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas morning. All are welcome. Any queries please contact Karen on 087-9790798.

Gaudete Sunday

During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope! The Catholic Church uses the colour rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday.



Kenmare Parish Christmas 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday, December 24 th .	CHRISTMAS DAY Monday, December 25 th .
<i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Direendarragh 6.00 p.m. ~ ~ ~</i>	<i>Holy Cross Church 9.30 a.m. & 12noon ~ ~ ~</i>
<i>Holy Cross Church 9.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Our Lady of the Assumption Templenoe 10.30 a.m.</i>



Join us for Carols at 8.40 p.m. before Christmas Eve Mass at 9pm.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Priests' Offering: 'Christmas Offering'

The Christmas Offering Collection (*which supports your priest*) will be taken up

at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You can return your 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.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 23rd December 12 - 2 p.m.
Sunday 24th December 2 - 3 p.m.