



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 24th December 2023 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,
Templenoe

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.			
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	For the People of the Parish
Sun 24 th	Christmas Eve	9.00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish
Mon 25 th	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	9.30a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Mon 25 th	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	12 noon	For the People of the Parish
Sat 30 th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Peggy Fitzgibbon, Scarteen Park - Anniversary
Sun 31 st	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	12 noon	John-Henry Harrington, Killowen Road and Killowen - Anniversary Denis Crowley, Killowen - Anniversary

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 23rd December 12 - 2 p.m.

Sunday 24th December 2 - 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Direendarragh
6.00 p.m.
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Holy Cross Church
9.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th.

Holy Cross Church
9.30 a.m. & 12noon
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Our Lady of the Assumption
Templenoe
10.30 a.m.

Tuesday – Friday (26th – 29th December) **NO Morning Mass** at 10.00am

17 th December	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€ 653.25	€ 2,146.75	€2,800

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers **Maureen Gammell (née Thornhill), Milltown Malbay, Co. Clare (sister of John Thornhill)** whose funeral took place during the week. We also remember **Peter Riney, Killowen Cottages & Australia** who died recently. May their gentle souls rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved

Pastor's Ponderings

I was listening to the Radio during the week and heard some young children being interviewed about Christmas. One little lady when asked who would be at home at Christmas answered "My Mam and Dad, my goldfish and my hamster.... and my sister" and the company was described in that order! Another said that she was looking forward to her Grandad cooking some croquettes at Christmas and she gave her Granny and Grandad, nine out of ten as Grandparents...not sure where they lost out on the other 10%!!! Isn't it wonderful to listen to the innocent answers of children. I joined with the teachers and parents of the Junior and Senior infants for their Christmas songs and performance on Thursday of this week, in St. John's National School. It was lovely to see the children wave at their parents from the stage when they picked them out in the audience – and, of course, the parents were brimming with pride and delight as they saw their young people sing and perform. Children almost always mention family when asked what they are looking forward to at Christmas. There are natural performers and there are those who are less comfortable on stage – as one parent said to me afterwards "there is room for the quiet people too" – he said maybe they will be the writers. Some of the junior and senior infants will be the future Paul Mescals and Jessie Buckleys – they are born actors and performers. And some will write and be our ambassadors too. Christmas reminds us that God has come into our world to bring us peace and joy...and fun and laughter. So make memories with those you love this Christmas...and leave an opening for God to come to you in the stranger and in the friend. As the saying goes "Bidden

or unbidden, God is present" May the Lord enter your heart and your home this Christmas morning and may God's abundant blessings be with us all throughout 2024. (Fr. George Hayes)

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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.

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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.

Collectors – Christmas 2023

Sunday 24 th 9.00 p.m.	Monday 25 th 9.30a.m.	Sunday 25 th 12 noon
Joe O'Shea	Timmy Madden	Anna Donnelly
Peter Krawczyk	Tim Sheehan	Henry Hickey
Paudie Kelleher	Noreen Sheehan	Sean Jones
Flossy Cooper	Dan McCarthy	Ursula McGearailt

Ministers of the Word – December 2023

Saturday 23 rd 7.30p.m.	Sunday 24 th 12 noon
Bernie McGonigle	John Moriarty

Ministers of the Word – Christmas 2023

Sunday 24 th 9p.m.	Monday 25 th 9.30a.m.	Monday 25 th 12 noon
Denise Tangney	Mary O'Donoghue	Anne Finn



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