



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 31st December 2023 ~ The Holy Family



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Direendarragh




Our Lady of the Assumption,
Templenoe

Direendarragh: next mass will take place on Tuesday 16th January at 7p.m.

Templenoe: next mass will take place on Tuesday 30th January at 7p.m.

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat 30 th	The Holy Family (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Peggy Fitzgibbon, Scarteen Park ~ Anniversary
Sun 31 st	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	12 noon	John-Henry & Bridie Harrington, Killowen Road and Killowen ~ Anniversary Denis Crowley, Killowen ~ Anniversary
Mon 1 st	Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10.00a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Tue 2 nd	Before Epiphany	10.00a.m.	Special Intention
Wed 3 rd	Before Epiphany	10.00a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Thur 4 th	Before Epiphany	10.00a.m.	Private Intention
Fri 5 th	Before Epiphany	10.00a.m.	Private Intention
Fri 5 th	Vigil Mass	7.30p.m.	For the People of the Parish
Sat 6 th	 Epiphany	10.00a.m.	Michael & Eileen Ward, daughters Pauline & Noeleen and daughter-in-law Olive, Dublin ~ Remembrance
Sat 6 th	The Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Dr Patrick, Lilly & Timmy Mahony, Main St ~ Remembrance James & Julia O'Sullivan, Cappanacush ~ Remembrance
Sun 7 th	The Baptism of the Lord	12 noon	Mamie O'Connor, First Anniversary Also Michael & Gerard O'Connor, Lacca & Blackvalley and Deceased members of the O'Shea & O'Connor Families Derry Downing, Gortroosagh ~ Anniversary

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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 **Ella Godfrey (née O'Sullivan), Muxnaw** whose funeral took place on Saturday.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved.

Pastor's Ponderings

I hope you had a lovely celebration of Christmas. I joined my sister in Listowel for Christmas dinner after I arrived from Kenmare c 4.00 p.m. on Christmas Day. Imagine the days are getting longer again since the shortest day on December 21st. And we are approaching the New Year, 2024 – a New Year is a threshold moment, a liminal time, a stepping from one experience of life into another. Some people wish to let go of the old year as it may have been a year in which someone died or there was some difficulty or some unexpected challenge. A New Year brims with possibility, new adventures, horizons yet unseen and experiences to be lived. 2024 could be the year in which you celebrate a special birthday, await the birth of a child or a grandchild, begin a new job, enter into a new relationship, move house, begin studies at school or university. So our challenge is to look for the good – they say in life, we find what we are looking for – the negative attracts the negative, the positive attracts the positive. So in 2024 let's try to sow seeds of good – there's that lovely phrase of St. John of the Cross which says "in the evening of life, we will be judged on love". Let's strive to do good. Let's promote relationships of respect. Let's treat each other with dignity. We can build a better world. And 2024 enables us to make a new start. Begin again! And a very Happy New Year to you and to all you love. May God bless you, and your loved ones with His grace, and may you know God's blessings in abundance. (Fr. George Hayes)



As there is a visiting priest, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00a.m. in Holy Cross Church on Monday January 1st for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Ministers of the Word – January 2024	
Friday 5 th Vigil 7:30 pm	Epiphany 6 th 10a.m.
Denise Tangney	David Sheehan
Saturday 6 th Vigil 7.30pm	Sunday 7 th 12 noon
Cliona/Tiernan O'Shea	Ursula MacGearailt

Sunday 24 th & Christmas Day	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€ 4,349	€3,086	€7,435

Collectors – January 2024	
Saturday Vigil 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 12 noon
Noel Crowley	Celia Foley
Michael Murphy	John Foley
Marian O'Dwyer	David Sheehan
David O'Dwyer	Tom Murphy

In Thanksgiving

In the life of our parish, there are so many people who give of their time and talent to the service of our community – Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, choirs, organists, people who clean the Church, Altar society, those who prepare the flowers, the crib and sacred space, our sacristans, those who collect the money and count it, those who serve on our Boards of Management, our finance council, Parish Pastoral Council and safeguarding committees. We have people who prepare prayers of the faithful for our liturgies each week, people who open and close the Churches, those who look after the bookstand, the group who attend to the Church grounds and so many others who do so much to make our parish a place of vibrant following of Jesus Christ. We would grind to a halt if all of you did not make your contribution. Your effort is enormously appreciated. May the Lord bless you for your generosity and goodness.



SATURDAY, 6th JANUARY is the feast of THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD and will be celebrated with a Vigil mass on Friday 5th January at 7.30p.m. and on Saturday 6th January at 10a.m. and is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

