



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 5.00 p.m.

Sunday 14th January 2024 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.
~ John A. & Sarah Moriarty, Mary Kennedy and deceased members of the Moriarty Family, Slieveaduff.

~ Sheelah O'Mahony, Lackeen – Anniversary

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat 13 th	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary time (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Ella & Bill O'Connell, Cahir ~ Anniversary Maura Murphy, Glenriocht, Kenmare ~ Anniversary
Sun 14 th	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary time	12 noon	Thomas O'Sullivan, Claddanure West ~ Anniversary
Mon 15 th	St Ita	10.00a.m.	O'Sullivan families, Derrinacolough ~ Anniversary
Tue 16 th	St Fursa	10.00a.m.	For the People of the Parish
Wed 17 th	St Anthony	10.00a.m.	Fr. Michael Murphy & deceased members of Kenmare Tidy Towns
Thur 18 th	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time	10.00a.m.	Peggy & Thady O'Connor, Scarteen Park ~ Anniversary
Fri 19 th	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time	10.00a.m.	Humphrey O'Leary, Kilcurrane ~ Anniversary
Sat 20 th	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary time (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Paddy & Sheila O'Shea, Gortamullen and Jerry & Margeret O'Shea, Midleton Charlie Brennan, Glengarriff & Killowen Rd ~ Anniversary
Sun 21 st	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary time	12 noon	Henryk Polesiak, Poland ~ First Anniversary

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CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening from 7pm – 7.20pm

Holy Hour Sunday: 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Sunday 7 th January	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€1,287	€1103	€2,390

✠ Recently Deceased ✠

We remember in our prayers **Kathleen Tangney (née O'Shea), Bonane, Kenmare** whose funeral took place on Saturday. We also remember **Maura O'Sullivan, Middlesex, England (sister in law of Jack O'Sullivan, Claddanure)** who died recently. May their gentle souls rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved.

✠ Pastor's Ponderings ✠

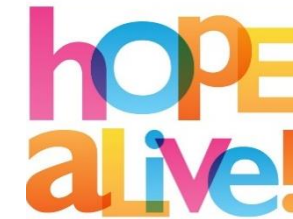
I came across an article recently which quoted the English Dominican Philosopher and Theologian, Fr. Herbert McCabe, who died some years ago – he wrote “If you love, you will be hurt and even killed. If you don't love, you are already dead”. These really are stark words. And challenging words. The challenge to love as Jesus loved is to love when it makes no sense. So often in life we live a contractual sense of love - I will love you if you love me. I will be friendly to you if you are friendly to me. And isn't it natural that we warm to people who are kind to us and treat us well. But love as a contract is not what Jesus is talking about – Jesus says that we should love even when there is no hope of love in return. And that kind of love requires enormous resources and great depths within ourselves. In fact, that kind of love can only be possible if we know that we are first infinitely loved by God. Another way of describing that love is to examine how Jesus loved – the love, which in Greek, is described as *agape* – the love which is self-sacrificing, the love which says I will continue to love even when there is no hint of love being returned. I was talking to someone during the summer and he said something which I haven't forgotten – being a married man who works with people in addiction, he said to me “all we can do is love....and yes sometimes that love will be taken advantage of and will not be returned – but all we can do is love”. I was stopped in my tracks. And I thought how profound that philosophy of life is. What a wonderful way to approach life. And, of course, love, as well as being warm and kind and full of empathy, love can also be about helping someone to face something destructive – someone we love may need to be challenged to overcome addictive behaviour. Someone may need to be confronted to turn away from destructive behaviour. In so many ways, Christ's call is to throw caution to the wind. Let's not try to control everything. Let's take a risk. Because following Christ is always risky. That's why it is always an adventure. (Fr. George Hayes)



This weekend, January 13th & 14th at all the masses, we will have a collection for **Needs of the Holy Land**. Your generosity is much appreciated, as always.

Ministers of the Word – January 2024

Saturday 20 th Vigil 7:30pm	Sunday 21 st 12 noon
Mary Henderson	Ellen Murnane



Diocesan Mission 2024

The diocesan mission, **Hope Alive!**, will take place from **Sunday Jan 21st – Wednesday Jan 24th**. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Adi Roche, CEO of Chernobyl Children Ireland on Welcoming the Stranger. Dr Michael Conway teaches Faith and Culture at St Patrick's College, Maynooth will speak on Church in Today's World. Dr Keith Gaynor, clinical psychologist and parent will speak on Wellbeing, and Jane Mellett, Trócaire will speak on Seeds of Hope. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, www.dioceseofkerry.ie. Please help yourself to a booklet at the back of the Church.

Farmers in the ACRES CP co-operation scheme are invited to meet with the cooperation team staff to find out about their scorecard results, supporting actions they can undertake and any other queries they have. The meetings will take place at Kenmare SKDP Office (V93 W1K2) Tuesday 23rd January 2024 14:30 – 20:30. For any queries, please contact Marianah Sahmad at 0646624607 or email to msahmad@skdp.net

Recovery Haven Kerry (cancer support house) will have a Designer Fashion Showcase event taking place in the Gleneagle INEC Arena on February 1st 2024. The event will be MC'd by legendary RTE broadcaster, Mary Kennedy. Tickets are only €30 and are for sale at Recovery Haven Kerry 5 Haigs Terrace Tralee or at the Gleneagle INEC box office, they can also be purchased online. For further information please ring 066 7192122.