



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 4th February 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,
Templenoe

Direendarragh: Next Mass will take place on Tuesday 6th February at 7p.m.
Paud, Catherine & Michael O'Shea, Coomnakilla ~ Anniversary
Ted O'Sullivan Coom, Gortbrack, Blackwater ~ Month's Mind

Templenoe: Next Mass will take place on Tuesday 20th February at 7p.m.

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat 3rd	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	Danny & Joan O'Sullivan, Crossderry - Anniversary Ann O'Sullivan, Uplands, Tubbrid; John Harrington & baby Frances, Dromanassig ~ Anniversary
Sun 4th	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Timothy O'Shea, Doughill, Kenmare ~ First Anniversary John & Nora Finnegan; Paudie & Maura Finnegan and deceased members of the Finnegan and O'Connor families.
Mon 5th	St Agatha		No Morning Mass
Tue 6th	Ss Paul Miki & Companions	10.00a.m.	Elma O'Donovan, Innishannon, Co Cork ~ Recently Deceased
Wed 7th	5 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00a.m.	Kitty & Eugene O'Sullivan, Ardeen ~ Anniversary
Thurs 8th	St Jerome Emiliani	10.00a.m.	Jeremiah Downing, Ennis Place & Berlin ~ Anniversary
Fri 9th	5 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00a.m.	Kathleen O'Sullivan, Kent, England ~ Anniversary
Sat 10th	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	Dermot & Mairead Donovan, Main St ~ Anniversary Mary (Molly) & Jim Murphy, Kenmare ~ Anniversary
Sun 11th	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12 noon	Eileen Connolly, Killaha East & Mikie Connolly, Mucksnow ~ Anniversary Bridie Riney, Killowen Cottages ~ Anniversary

Holy Cross Church CONFESSIONS:..... Saturday evening from 7pm - 7.20pm
Holy Hour Sunday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm.

Sunday 28 th January	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€1,198	€1,212	€2,410

† Recently Deceased †

We remember in our prayers **Michael O'Donoghue, Henry Street and Patrick (Paddy) O'Shea, Dromneavane** whose funerals took place during the week. We also remember those who died recently or whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their gentle souls rest in peace.

We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved.



Pastor's Ponderings

There's an air of Spring about the place. St. Brigid, that great woman of faith and courage, is celebrated on February 1st and we in Ireland celebrate the beginning of Spring. Internationally, the meteorologists tell us that Spring begins on March 1st. However, we keep the ancient Irish tradition and declare Spring has begun. You can see growth emerging in the bulbs. Snowdrops have appeared and daffodils are beginning to show their yellow heads. Soon there will be new lambs in the fields and farmers with cows will be busy feeding new calves as they are born. I always think nature has so much to teach us about life. We have our times of winter and times of spring, times of summer and times of autumn. And isn't life like that too? We can experience the dying of autumn or the cold of winter. And in our lives, there are the summer days, when life is easy and the living is good. And spring days are about new adventures, new opportunities, new growth. Do a little check and see how you are feeling about life today – do you have a sense of spring, summer, autumn or winter? I'm always amazed about the certainty of spring – no matter how cold and windswept winter has been, no matter how much snow has been on the ground and how much frost there has been, with the coming of spring, we herald new life – the bulbs push up new shoots and new life emerges. So take hope from the signs of spring – if you are experiencing some of what winter brings, know that this time will pass. It isn't always easy to live through the cold days of winter when we may experience death and loss or a difficulty in a relationship. But there will be different days. A new time will come. In these days of early Spring, go out into nature. Try to see where new growth is emerging. And know that new growth is possible in your life. And in my life. Allow nature to bring you hope and know God is present too. (Fr. George Hayes)

Ministers of the Word - FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday 10 th Vigil 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 11 th 12.00
Kieran Moriarty	Johnny Finnegan

Christmas Offering Envelope

A word of particular thanks to all those who returned their Christmas Offering envelope and contributed to the collection for my support at Christmas. Your consistent generosity and kindness to me, as the priest serving in the parish of Kenmare, is much appreciated. Be assured of my thoughts and prayers for all your goodness.



Music Workshop for Lent and Easter 2024

The Diocese will host two music workshops for Lent and Easter 2024. The purpose of the workshop will be to introduce new music for both liturgical seasons. On **Wednesday, 7th February**, the workshop will take place in the **John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney at 7:30pm**. On **Thursday, 8th Feb.** the workshop will be repeated in **St John's Parish Centre, Tralee, also at 7:30pm**. The two workshops are to facilitate musicians from both north and south of the diocese. All choir directors, choir members, musicians, cantors and all involved in music ministry are welcome to attend. Music will be provided on the night. Please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email Tomás at tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie if you'd like to attend.

Mass will be held in **Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Direendarragh on Tuesday 6th February at 7p.m.**

Next weekend, February 10th & 11th at all the masses, we will have a collection for the **Lourdes Helpers**. Your generosity is much appreciated, as always.



Kenmare Adult Education Centre courses: Smartphones for beginners on Thursday mornings 10 am - 12 noon. Creative writing for beginners on Wednesday mornings 9.30 am to 12.30. Contact 086 8279248 to enrol.