



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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 ~ First Sunday in Lent



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,  
Templesnoe

**Templesnoe:** Next Mass will take place on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7p.m.**

**Direendarragh:** Next Mass will take place on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7p.m.**  
**Padraig & Peggy O'Neill, Gerah, Blackwater ~ Anniversary**

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	Marie O'Sullivan, Killowen ~ Month's Mind Nell O'Donoghue, Station House, Railway Rd., ~ Anniversary
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	12 noon	Carmel O'Sullivan, Carhoomeengar ~ Anniversary Kathleen Tangney, Bonane ~ Month's Mind
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	10.00a.m.	Teddy O'Sullivan Casey and deceased members of the O'Sullivan Casey Family, Kenmare ~ Remembrance
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	10.00a.m.	Private Intention
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	10.00a.m.	Private Intention
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Chair of St Peter	10.00a.m.	Private Intention
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Lent	10.00a.m.	Private Intention
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	Flor O'Sullivan, Ballygriffin ~ Anniversary, and deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family John and Kathleen O'Shea, Cummers, Lauragh ~ Anniversary
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	12 noon	People of the Parish

**Holy Cross Church CONFESSIONS:**..... Saturday evening from 7pm – 7.20pm  
**Holy Hour** ..... Sunday: 7.00pm – 8.00pm.  
**Stations of the Cross during Lent:**..... Friday evenings at 6.45p.m.

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€956.25	€1163.75	€2120
Special Collection – Lourdes Helpers			€970

## ✠ Recently Deceased ✠

We 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

I hope you've been able to maintain your Lenten resolutions, so far! When I was talking to the young people in school on Ash Wednesday, I mentioned that Jesus encourages us to fast, to pray and to give alms – essentially, that means we give up something, we take up something and we commit ourselves to praying. One child mentioned that she was giving up chocolate and crisps, was taking on emptying the dishwasher every day and would commit to pray each day – someone else mentioned that they would give up being cranky, would take on saying thanks to people and would pray for peace every day, a third person, a teacher, talked about giving up spending so much time on social media, taking on being kind and offering a prayer of thanksgiving each day. So, let's continue to observe all that Lent challenges to do and be...and children often have great wisdom in how they think and what they say! (Fr. George Hayes)



**Trocaire boxes** are available in our Church for collection. Please take a Trocaire box with you and have it on display in a prominent place (maybe on your kitchen table) as a reminder of our solidarity with the peoples of the developing world.



Stations of The Cross for children every Friday during Lent at 4pm.



Stations of the Cross

Ministers of the Word - FEBRUARY 2024	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Vigil 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 12.00
Allyson Thomas	Nora Finnegan



The Diocese of Kerry will host a webinar, **First Holy Communion – Journeying with your Child**, on Wednesday, Feb 21st, for all parents and guardians of children preparing for First Communion. The guest speaker is Dr Patricia Kieran, parent and lecturer at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Register for the webinar on [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)



## Parish Gathering

In his Pastoral Letter, *Moving Forward in Hope*, Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, in St John's National School at 7.30 p.m.** In preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

- Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
- Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
- Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?

Many thanks for your support and assistance for this consultation.



**Dawros Community Centre** has had a great voluntary committee for the last 35 years, organising and running it for the benefit of the wider community, and huge thanks is due to them. They are now retiring from it, and a new committee of 6 people is needed for the future of the centre (or else it will close). If you are willing to be part of a new committee, please contact Fr Niall on [tuosist@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tuosist@dioceseofkerry.ie) or 0879365370 by Mon March 4<sup>th</sup>.



Lenten Calendars containing short daily reflections are available at the back of the church. Please take one.