



Holy Cross Church, Kenmare

Kenmare Parish

Kenmare Pastoral Area including parishes of Glengarriff, Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Tuosist and Sneem

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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 1st December 2024 ~ First Sunday in Advent



Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption, Templeoe

Direendarragh: Next Mass will take place on Tuesday 3 rd December at 7p.m. ~ John & Bridie Sheehan, Direen ~ Anniversary ~ Denis, Mary & Mikey O'Neill, Blackwater & Liam Doyle, Coomnakilla ~ Kathleen O'Connor, Moulmagour, Blackwater ~ Anniversary			
Templeoe: Next Mass will take place Tuesday, 17 th December at 7pm			
Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.			
Sat 30 th	First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Noel O'Brien, Hawthorn House ~ 10 th Anniversary Denis Sullivan Morgan, Gortamullen ~ Anniversary
Sun 1 st	FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent	12 noon	Mary O'Leary & Mary Jeffers, Cork ~ Anniversary McCarthy Family, Dan, Christina, Christine & Eoin, Tulloha Mary Doyle, Ashgrove, (Dunmanway & Timoleague) ~ Month's Mind
Mon 2 nd	1 st Week of Advent	10.00a.m.	Patrick & Helen O'Sullivan, Claddanure West ~ Anniversary
Tue 3 rd	St Francis Xavier	10.00a.m.	Mary & Matilda Donovan, The Square ~ Anniversary
Wed 4 th	St John Damascene	10.00a.m.	Eileen Murphy, Sneem & Kenmare ~ Anniversary
Thurs 5 th	1 st Week of Advent	10.00a.m.	Sr. Eily, Tom & Dolly Randles, Shelbourne St ~ Anniversary
Fri 6 th	St Nicholas	10.00a.m.	Cashmir and Eva Menezes & Albert Mathias ~ Remembrance
Sat 7 th	Second Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Nora McCarthy, Dromneavane ~ Anniversary Thomas Crowley, Forelands ~ Anniversary Tom O'Connor, Cahir ~ Month's Mind
Sun 8 th	Second Sunday of Advent	12 noon	Con O'Sullivan, Oak Park, Tralee ~ Remembrance Lil Murphy, Henry St ~ Anniversary
Holy Cross Church CONFESSIONS: Saturday evening from 7pm – 7.20pm Holy Hour Sunday: 7.00pm – 8.00pm.			

✠ Recently Deceased ✠

We pray for **Paddy O'Sullivan (Pendy)**, **Gortamullen** and **Mary (May) Mahony, Parnell Place** whose funeral's took place on Friday and Saturday. May they rest in the gentle embrace of Christ. We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved.

Pastor's Ponderings

Normally, I'm reading several books at the same time. Recently, I was reading about the great tennis player, Rafael Nadal. He is regarded as one of the greatest players in the modern era, who announced his retirement just a few weeks ago. Nadal is a magnificent athlete and competitor. And he has a great personality - whenever he was interviewed after a match, he was engaging, charming and sporting, whether he won or lost the match. But one of the things which I found interesting is that Rafael Nadal, the incredible athlete and competitor, is supposedly afraid of the dark. Could one ever imagine that such a powerhouse of energy, determination and resilience would be afraid of the dark? We can never know what fears each of us can have, hidden from the public, unknown to most people. I am also reading Johnny Sexton's book, *Obsessed*, on his career as one of Ireland's greatest rugby players. I knew Johnny's grandparents, John and Brenda Sexton, who lived in Listowel, where Johnny's father was born and grew up. In fact, Brenda, Johnny's grandmother, died during the past eighteen months, well into her 90's. Anyway, Johnny writes in the book of going to school in St. Mary's in Rathmines, where the students went to mass regularly. One of the traditions he always kept up, was going to mass before a major game. When the squad had a home game in Lansdowne Road, and the team was based in the Shelbourne Hotel, Johnny would quietly leave the hotel and head over to the Carmelite Church on Clarendon Street to attend mass. Again, in the context of contemporary culture in Ireland, I found that interesting - that one of the great sporting icons of our time would take time out to attend mass, where he found peace and nourishment. Isn't it funny how we can see the hardnosed competitor side of these sporting greats and, yet, there is another side which is often quite vulnerable. The literary adage "You should never judge a book by its cover" seems apt. Beneath all our surfaces, we are complex people with strengths and insecurities, talents and foibles. Sometimes, we have to be patient and dig deeper.

(Fr. George Hayes)

Come and join us as we journey with the **Sunday Gospels in Advent** ... a quiet time of reflection and prayer. The Sacristy, Holy Cross Church, Kenmare at 7.30pm Mondays, Dec. 2nd, Dec. 9th, Dec. 16th. *Lectio Group*



This weekend, November 30th & December 1st, at all the masses, we will have a collection for the **Diocesan Youth Services**. Your generosity is much appreciated, as always.

Children from St John's National School will perform a selection of Christmas Carols in Holy Cross Church on Friday, December 13th, at 12-noon. All welcome.

Please pray for the children preparing for their **First Holy Communion** as we welcome them and their families to the **12 o'clock Mass** this Sunday.



Parish Carol Service - Thursday 19th December



Life in the Spirit Seminar facilitated by Mir Ministries will be held in in **Holy Cross Church on Friday, December 6th and 13th at 8p.m.** Everyone Welcome.

Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

You are warmly invited to join together for Holy Hour and Evening Prayer at **7pm** in the parish church of: **Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Direendarragh – Monday 9th December.**



CHRISTMAS OFFERING



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.

Collectors – DECEMBER 2024

Saturday Vigil 7.30 pm	Sunday 12 noon
Joe O'Shea	Anna Donnery
Peter Krawczyk	Henry Hickey
Paudie Kelleher	Sean Jones
Paddy Cronin	Ursula McGearailt

23 rd /24 th November	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€850	€955	€1,805

Community Notice: 'Stones' – a comedy, Carnegie Theatre, December 7th at 8pm.

Ministers of the Word – DECEMBER 2024	
Saturday 7 th Vigil 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 8 th 12.00
Mary Henderson	Anne Finn