



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 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent



Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption, Templeoe

## ✠ Recently Deceased ✠

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in the gentle embrace of Christ. We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved

## Pastor's Ponderings

I've always loved the poetry of Patrick Kavanagh, the Monaghan born poet. His writing is earthy and rooted in the landscape of his childhood. His poem "Advent" begins with a reflection on the loss of a sense of wonder..."we have tested and tasted too much, lover, Through a chink too wide there comes in no wonder" ...but then Kavanagh says that Advent is a time for a recovery of a sense of wonder "the dry black bread and sugarless tea of penance will charm back the luxury of a child's soul". And as we approach the great feast of Christmas, it is time for us, once again, "to charm back the luxury of a child's soul". Children have a sense of wonder and awe very naturally. They delight in blowing bubbles, they can chase after a butterfly or be intrigued with a ladybird. Surely, Christmas is a time for recovering that sense of wonder...for allowing ourselves to go beyond all that is scientific, all that is material and all that is tangible. Real magic and real wonder happen when we open our souls and our hearts to things that move us. A beautiful piece of music enables us to transcend ourselves. The perfection of a baby can make us wonder about a creator God. The dignity of people who encounter great struggles and, yet, have a sense of joy and life, makes us reflect on human resilience. These are moments for wonder in our lives. So, my wish for all of us, as Advent concludes and as Christmas unfolds, is that you and I permit ourselves to be people who wonder...to look into a crib and see the wonder of a God who comes to us as a tiny vulnerable baby. And then, in the words of Kavanagh, "Christ comes with a January flower". (Fr. George Hayes)

### Ministers of the Word – DECEMBER 2024

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Denise Tangney	Ursula MacGearailt
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Vigil 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> 12.00
Cliona/Tiernan O'Shea	Mairín Finnegan

## Kenmare Parish Christmas 2024

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> .
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Direendarragh 6.00 p.m. ~ ~ ~	Holy Cross Church 9.30a.m. & 12noon ~ ~ ~ Our Lady of the Assumption Templeoe 10.30 a.m.
Holy Cross Church 9.00 p.m.	

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December - **NO Morning Mass** at 10.00am

### CONFESSIONS

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 12noon - 2p.m.  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2p.m - 3p.m.



Weekday morning mass & funeral masses for 2025 will be at 10.30a.m. from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

### Priests' Offering: 'Christmas Offering'

The Christmas Offering Collection (which supports Fr. George & Fr. Seán) 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. Fr. George and Fr. Seán are extremely grateful for your continued support throughout the year.



### Collectors – Christmas 2024

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> 9.00 p.m	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon
Joe O'Shea	Timmy Madden	Anna Donnery
Peter Krawczyk	Tim Sheehan	Henry Hickey
Paudie Kelleher	Noreen Sheehan	Sean Jones
Paddy Cronin	Dan McCarthy	Ursula McGearailt

Direendarragh: Next Masses will take place on Christmas Eve at 6p.m and Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January at 7p.m.			
Templeoe: Next Masses will take place on Christmas Day at 10.30a.m and Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.			
Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.			
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Forth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	John & Ann Sullivan, Ashgrove, Kenmare ~ Anniversary Rita O'Brien, Claddanure East ~ Anniversary
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Forth Sunday of Advent	12 noon	Sean O'Shea, Gortamullen ~ Anniversary Bernie O'Sullivan, Carrigmore House ~ Anniversary Paddy O'Sullivan (Pendy), Gortamullen ~ Month's Mind
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St John of Kanty	10.00a.m.	Ellen O'Connor, Derrinacolough ~ Anniversary
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve		No Morning Mass
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Vigil	9.00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	9.30a.m.	For the People of the Parish
		12 noon	For the People of the Parish
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	St Stephen's Day		No Morning Mass
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	St John		No Morning Mass
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Peggy Fitzgibbon, Scarteen Park ~ Anniversary Ella & Billa Godfrey, Muxsna ~ First Anniversary for Ella Mary (May) Mahony, Parnell Place & Mallow ~ Month's Mind
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	12 noon	Rosemarie Quill, The Lodges ~ First Anniversary Denis Crowley, Killowen ~ Anniversary

14 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€975.00	€1305.00	€2280.00

### Buy a religious gift for someone at Christmas

We have a range of Christmas and religious gifts available in the Parish office.