



Holy Cross Church, Kenmare

Kenmare Parish

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

Fr George Hayes, Parish Priest, Vicar General. Fr. Seán Murphy.

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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 5th January 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Christmas




Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption, Templeoe

Direendarragh: Next Mass will take place on Tuesday, 14th January at 7p.m.
Timothy (Ted) O'Sullivan, Gortbrack, Blackwater – First Anniversary
Templeoe: Next Mass will take place on Tuesday, 28th January at 7pm.

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat 4 th	Second Sunday of Christmas (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Jimmy O'Sullivan (Runner), Gortamullen Heights ~ Anniversary Danny & Joan O'Sullivan, Crossderry - Anniversary
Sun 5 th	Second Sunday of Christmas	12 noon	Mamie, Michael & Gerald O'Connor, Lacca & Blackvalley and deceased members of O'Shea & O'Connor families John & Mary Hourihan, Cappagh, Kenmare and deceased members of the Hourihan Family ~ Anniversary
Mon 6 th	 Epiphany	12 noon	Holy Day of Obligation Jimmy McCarthy, Roughty ~ Anniversary
Tue 7 th	Tuesday after Epiphany		No Mass Today
Wed 8 th	Wednesday after Epiphany		No Mass Today
Thurs 9 th	Thursday after Epiphany	10.30a.m.	Maurice O'Connor, The Bridge House, Dingle ~ Anniversary
Fri 10 th	Friday after Epiphany	10.30a.m.	Michael & Nora Connolly, Mucksna ~ Remembrance
Sat 11 th	The Baptism of Our Lord (Vigil)	7.30p.m.	Kathleen Tangney, Crinagort, Bonane ~ First Anniversary Charlie Brennan, Glengarriff and Killowen Rd. ~ Anniversary
Sun 12 th	The Baptism of Our Lord	12 noon	Marie O'Sullivan, Killowen Rd. ~ First Anniversary Fr. John Shine, Glenagarriff ~ Remembrance

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

29th / 30th Dec	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€5868.85	€2316.15	€8185.00

✠ 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

Pope Francis inaugurated our Jubilee Year 2025 in Rome on Christmas Eve. The motto for this Jubilee year, which happens every twenty-five years, is *Pilgrims of Hope*. It really sums up what we try to be every day of our lives as followers of Christ and as baptised members of our Church. I was saying, during the week, in the few words that I share after the Gospel, that a good friend of mine, Alessandro, was a priest with whom I studied in Rome back in the late 1990's. Alessandro was initially ordained a diocesan priest for a diocese in Northern Italy. But as we came to the end of our studies in Rome, Alessandro told me that he was to become a Carthusian monk. Carthusian life is the strictest form of monastic life for males in the Catholic Church. The monks live in cells in the monastery and meet, just once a week, where they have recreation in common for an hour. The monks spend their time in prayer, writing and celebrating mass as well as tending a small garden attached to each monastic cell. I remember that day in Rome when Alessandro told me of his change of life. His parents were due to visit two weeks later and he was preparing to tell them of his decision to become a Carthusian monk – it would mean that he would live a life of separation and would see them, at most, once a year. Alessandro told me that the life had been shown to suit people who were outgoing and extrovert – which goes against our idea that that kind of secluded life would suit someone who was quiet and introverted. And Alessandro was certainly an extrovert, who loved meeting people and was full of life, fun and laughter. Over each cell, the monk had to choose his motto from Scripture, the words that would guide his life while living in that cell. I think of Alessandro often and his dedication to praying for the rest of us and praying for our world. If you were to choose a motto about how to live life, what might it be? I

think the Jubilee motto could be a wonderful one – that we might all be a *Pilgrim of Hope*. Wouldn't it be wonderful, if at the end of our lives, someone could say, he/she was a *Pilgrim of Hope*. Choose your motto. Live by it. Bring hope to conversations. Bring hope to encounters on the street, at work and in the supermarket. Bring hope to our kitchens and our lives. Be a *Pilgrim of Hope* in 2025. Fr. George Hayes

Diocesan Mission 2025

The diocesan mission, *Pilgrims of Hope*, will take place from Sunday Jan 19th – Wednesday Jan 22nd. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Video Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Br Richard Hendrick, Caoimhe de Barra, David Wells and Martina Lehane Sheehan. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, www.dioceseofkerry.ie



MONDAY, 6TH JANUARY is the feast of **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** and is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. Mass on Monday 6th January at **12 noon**

Ministers of the Word – JANUARY 2025	
Saturday 11 TH Vigil 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 12 TH 12.00
Bernie McGonigle	Declan Finnegan



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

Community Notice

Healing Service: Saturday 11th January 2-4pm, Ballyvourney. An afternoon of ecumenical prayer with guest speakers Rev. Robert Ferris, Janice Craig and others. See poster in church porch for more details or contact Imelda 0860840703 or Celia 0872405568.