



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 18th May 2025 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,
Templenoe

Templenoe: Next Mass will take place on Tuesday, 27th May at 7 p.m.

Direendarragh: Next Mass will take place on Tuesday 3rd June at 7 p.m.

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat 17 th	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	Kathleen Crowley (née Kelly) & husband Michael, Dunkerron ~ 1 st Anniversary Jack O'Sullivan, Greenlane ~ Anniversary
Sun 18 th	Fifth Sunday of Easter	12 noon	Tom Healy, Kenmare ~ Anniversary Tony Fahy, Templenoe ~ Anniversary
Mon 19 th	5 th Week of Easter		No Morning Mass
Tue 20 th	St. Bernardine of Siena	10.30a.m.	Private Intention
Wed 21 st	St. Christopher Magallanes	10.30a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
Thurs 22 nd	St. Rita	10.30a.m.	Donal O'Callaghan, Killowen Cottages ~ Anniversary
Fri 23 rd	5 th Week of Easter	10.30a.m.	Edward & Lilly O'Sullivan, Court House Bar ~ Anniversary
Sat 24 th	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	Deceased members of the McCarthy family, 8 Davitt's Pl. Siobhan Crowley, Bridge Street ~ First Anniversary
Sun 25 th	Sixth Sunday of Easter	12 noon	Humprey Kelleher ~ Anniversary JP, Fr. Michael & Tommy Madden, Firgrove ~ Anniversary

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

10 th & 11 th May	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€939	€991	€1,930
Education of Clergy			€1,050

Adoration takes place every Wednesday after morning mass.

✠ Recently Deceased ✠

We pray for **Oisín O' Sullivan, Drombane, Dromoughty and Joe Quinn, Gearha North, Blackwater** whose funerals took place during the week.

May they rest in the gentle embrace of Christ.
We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved.



Pastor's Ponderings

I watched, with excitement and joy, as Pope Leo appeared on the famous balcony of St. Peter's basilica ten days ago. His first words were those of the Risen Christ to the disciples "Peace be with you". And then, in his opening address, Pope Leo spoke of the importance of peace and how vital it is to build bridges in life's relationships. And those words got me thinking. In a Whatsapp group, of which I am a part, someone had posted a comment, after Christmas, which had really annoyed me. I was angry and upset with one of my friends and decided that I'd withdraw from posting on the group. The other three members of the group encouraged me to return but I was holding fast to my grudge - no giving in until I got an apology and an indication of regret from the one who had put up the offending post. I was resolute and wasn't prepared to give in. And then I heard Pope Leo challenge us to build bridges and be people of peace. I needed to let go of something which was, actually, quite simple and inconsequential. I needed to let go of my grudge. And so I, metaphorically, threw it into the river and let it go. And I've felt better. And all is rosy in the Whatsapp group again and we are all communicating. It's amazing the effect Pope Leo's words had on me. The wounds have been repaired. The bridges have been restored. And the moral for me, is that it is better to build bridges than let old wounds fester!

(Fr. George Hayes)

Second Collection next weekend for the Children of Gaza

As we watch what is happening to innocent children in Gaza, we might feel overcome and wonder is there anything we can do. We can pray. And we can help. Next weekend, May 24th/25th, at all masses, we will take up a second collection in aid of the Holy Family Parish and School, the only Catholic parish in the Gaza strip. At least we can do something to help the innocent and most vulnerable in this terrible conflict.

The boxes of envelopes which parishioners use to contribute to the Parish will be distributed during the coming weeks. If you are not currently in receipt of a box of envelopes, or if you are new to the parish or if you worship here regularly but belong to another parish and would like to contribute to the KENMARE PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND, we would be pleased to provide you with a box of envelopes for that purpose ☎ 064-6641352



Rosary at Our Lady's Well: Every evening during the summer at 7.00 pm we will gather at our local grotto, OUR LADY'S WELL, to pray the Rosary together. What a beautiful gift to give to Our Blessed Mother. Everyone welcome!



Ministers of the Word - MAY 2025

Saturday 24 th Vigil 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 25 th 12.00
Cliona/Tiernan O'Shea	Ursula MacGearailt

Kenmare Parish Mission will take place from Sunday, 5th October to Friday, 10th October 2025.

Diocese of Kerry wish to announce our **3rd Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on Saturday 23rd of August 2025. May our prayer be "To Jesus through Mary". Please pray for the safety of all pilgrims who travel.

Opus 96 Chamber Choir, Tralee presents a Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of The Sound of Music, with special guests, The South Kerry Rosen Choir in St. Michael's Church, Sneem on Sunday, May 18th at 5.30pm. Along with the wonderful selection from The Sound of Music there will be some beautiful Sea Shanties and Irish Airs. Tickets €15 available at door.

Diocese of Kerry Care of Creation Network for Parishes

Join us for a zoom meeting on Tue 20th May at 7.30pm to hear about upcoming events, resources and link with others to promote biodiversity and care for creation in our parishes. If you are not already a member and would like to join us, email berniemccaffrey@dioceseofkerry.ie all are welcome.