



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 25th May 2025 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,
Templenoe

Templenoe: Mass will take place on Tuesday, 27th May at 7 p.m.
~ Jeremiah & Mary O'Grady and son Michael, Greenane, Templenoe ~ Anniversary
~ Timothy (Tim) O'Mahony, Lackeen, Mary-Elizabeth Sheridan & Mary Sheridan De Bruin, Dublin ~ Anniversary

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

Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

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
Mon 26 th	St Philip Neri	10.30a.m.	Jerry & Elizabeth Sheehan, Emmet's Place ~ Anniversary
Tue 27 th	St Augustine of Canterbury	10.30a.m.	Betty Simpson (née O'Shea), Bonane & Brighton ~ Anniversary
Wed 28 th	6 th Week of Easter	10.30a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
Thurs 29 th	St Paul VI	10.30a.m.	Peggy Keville (née Tuohy), Athy, Co Kildare ~ Anniversary
Fri 30 th	6 th Week of Easter	10.30a.m.	Eileen O'Sullivan, Beckingham ~ Anniversary
Sat 31 st	<i>The Feast of the Ascension (Vigil)</i>	7.30 p.m.	Michael Granville, Kenmare ~ Anniversary Clare Rowe, Gortamullen Heights ~ Anniversary
Sun 1 st	<i>The Feast of the Ascension</i>	12 noon	Tom O'Connor, Gortamullen ~ First Anniversary Tim O'Sullivan, Letter ~ Anniversary

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

17 th & 18 th May	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€1000	€970	€1,970

Adoration takes place every Wednesday after morning mass.

✠ 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

One of the most famous lines from the Confessions of St. Augustine is "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you". St. Augustine, 354 – 430, was a right *hairo* as we say in Hiberno-English, to describe someone who led a completely reckless and hedonistic life, dedicated only to escapism, pleasure and enjoyment. His mother, St. Monica, prayed all her life that Augustine would turn his life around – and then, Augustine had a complete conversion of heart and was baptised in 386 at the age of 31. Following this turnabout, St. Augustine went on to be one of the greatest writers on the spiritual life and profoundly influenced the development of Christianity in the West. Augustine's account of his life and conversion, known as the *Confessions*, has become one of the great texts of the Christian tradition. In the *Confessions*, Augustine details how he searched for happiness in all sorts of places but it was only, in God, that he found true happiness. It is interesting how Pope Leo, our new Pope, is a member of the Augustinians, the Order founded on the life and writings of St. Augustine. It will be interesting to see how the thought of one of the greatest minds in Western thought, St. Augustine, will influence the future writings of Pope Leo. Wouldn't it be interesting to organise a talk, here in Kenmare, on St. Augustine and see how his writings can be applied to our search for happiness in our most modern of lives in 2025? Watch this space!

(Fr. George Hayes)



Please pray for the confirmation children as we welcome them and their families to the 12 o'clock Mass this Sunday to take their Pledge to abstain from alcohol and harmful drugs.



Congratulations to the leaving cert students of Pobalscoil Inbhear Sceine who had their graduation mass on Friday. We wish them the best of luck in their exams and for the future



Second Collection this 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. This 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 week. 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/JUNE 2025

Saturday 31 st Vigil 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 1 st 12.00
Bernie McGonigle	Mairín Finnegan



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Funeral Notice for Monday 2nd June 2025: Catherine O'Rourke known as Kitty, (née Moriarty), Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, England and formerly of Cappanacush, Templenoe, Kenmare. Enquiries to Finnegan Funeral Directors, Kenmare – 086 083 9903

