



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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,  
Templenoe

**Templenoe:** Next Mass will take place on **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 7 p.m.

Ann Falvey, Ballylickey, Bantry ~ Recently deceased.

**Direendarragh:** Mass will take place on **Christmas Eve at 6 p.m.**

**Mass Intentions: Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.**

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	Maeve O'Sullivan, Bella Vista ~ Month's Mind John Murphy, Hospital Cross ~ Month's Mind John O'Sullivan, Claddanure West ~ Month's Mind and Thomas O'Sullivan Frances McCarthy, Woodside ~ Month's Mind
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday of Advent <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	12 noon	Rita O'Brien, Claddanure East ~ Anniversary Kathy, John & Patrick Donoghue, Mucksna ~ Anniversary Tim O'Donoghue, Cork & Killowen ~ Months Mind
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	10.30a.m.	Special Intention
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	10.30a.m.	Matilda & Mary Donovan, Main St ~ Anniversary
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	10.30a.m.	Private Intention
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Flannan	10.30a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent	10.30a.m.	Jimmy Palmer, Fustane ~ Remembrance
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	John, Nora, Paudie & Maura Finnegan and deceased members of the Finnegan & O'Connor families Denis O'Sullivan (Thade-Dan), London ~ 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fourth Sunday of Advent	12 noon	Bernie & Joe O'Sullivan, Carrigmore House, Kenmare ~ Anniversary Ann Marie & John Sullivan, Ashgrove ~ Anniversary

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**CONFESSIONS:** ..... Saturday evening from 7pm – 7.20pm

**Holy Hour** ..... Sunday: 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

### ✠ Recently Deceased ✠

We pray for all the faithful departed and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their gentle souls rest in eternal peace. We offer our sympathy to all who are bereaved.



### Bambinelli Sunday - the Blessing of the Baby Jesus

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent.

All children and families were invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes today to be blessed. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home, wrap it and open it as a family on Christmas morning where the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas.



**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.



### *Parish Carol Service Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.*

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



*You are invited to write your intentions on the cards provided, and hang them on the Advent Prayer Tree in the church.*

6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€1,302	€1,113	€2,415

Thanks to all who made the presentation of the Benemerenti Honour to Ann Lynch such a joyous and memorable occasion.

## Kenmare Parish Christmas 2025

**Christmas Eve**  
**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
Direendarragh*  
**6.00 p.m.**  
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*Holy Cross Church*  
**9.00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day**  
**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.**

*Holy Cross Church*  
**9.30a.m. & 12noon**  
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*Our Lady of the Assumption, Templenoe*  
**10.30 a.m.**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> & Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> December –  
NO Morning Mass at 10.30am**

### **CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December* 2p.m- 3p.m  
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This weekend, the special collection for Kerry Community Youth Service will take place at all masses. This provides an outreach and educational programme for young people. It strives to promote a creative and supportive environment for vulnerable young people.

### **Ministers of the Word – December 2025**

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Vigil at 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December Mass at 12 noon
Bernie McGonigle	Cathal O'Donovan



### *Advent Hymns*

♪ Entrance ♪  
O Come Emmanuel (131)

♪ Communion ♪  
Come O Long Expected Jesus (42)

♪ Recessional ♪  
Let us go rejoicing (109)

Adoration takes place after Mass each Wednesday.