



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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 – St Brigid, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Perpetual Help,  
Direendarragh



Our Lady of the Assumption,  
Templenoe

**Direendarragh:** Next Mass will take place on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7pm**  
**Timothy (Ted) O'Sullivan, Gortbrack, Blackwater & John, Annie, Dan (Brother Simon) O'Sullivan**

**Templenoe:** Next Mass will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**

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

Sat 31st	St Brigid (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	John Harrington, Dromanassig and Ann O'Sullivan, Tubrid ~ Anniversary Joan & Danny O'Sullivan, Crossderry, Blackwater ~ Anniversary
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	St Brigid	12 noon	Sheila Gaine, late of Lissaniska & Railway Rd. ~ First Anniversary Patrick & Sheila O'Shea, Gortamullen and Jerry & Margaret O'Shea, Midleton
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Presentation of the Lord	10.30am	Gerald O'Shea, Gortamullen ~ First Anniversary
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Blaise	10.30am	Timothy O'Shea, Doughill, Kenmare ~ Anniversary
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary time	10.30am	Czeslaw Cicheki, Kenmare ~ First Anniversary
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	St Agatha	10.30am	James O'Leary, Kilcurrane ~ Anniversary
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	St Paul Miki	10.30am	Kathleen Leigh, Kildare ~ Anniversary
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time (Vigil)	7.30 p.m.	Dermot & Mairead Donovan, Main St ~ Anniversary Kitty, Eugene & Dan O'Sullivan, Ardeen ~ Anniversary
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	12 noon	Noreen & Marian Madden, Firgrove ~ Anniversary Sheila Mulvihill, Railway Road ~ Month's Mind

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

24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Offertory	Parish Development Fund Weekly Envelopes	Total
Kenmare Parish	€1054.05	€1030.95	€2085

Adoration takes place after mass each Wednesday.

### ✠ Recently Deceased ✠

We pray for **Mary Walker (née O'Sullivan)**, Kilkeena who died in Florida during the week. We also pray for 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.



### Pastor's Ponderings

I thought it would be a good idea to provide you with an update on my progression. It's hard to believe that it is two weeks ago, on Thursday, since I had my surgery in Dublin. Following my discharge, I stayed with my sister, in Straffan, and then at my brother's house, in Malahide, and now I have returned to another sister's house in Listowel. One of the benefits of being the youngest of a large family! Thank God, I am doing very well and have a lot less pain than I had. For these first two weeks, I've had to spend a lot of time lying down and I'm not allowed lift anything over two kilograms when I get up and walk around. I've been asking myself how I can make the most of this time. A friend of mine sent me a beautifully bound journal and, in her note, invited me to write some poetry, prose, words of reflection or maybe even a whole book! Who knows what the outcome may be!

Anyway, at this juncture, I want to thank all of you for your kindness, prayers and concern. I have felt enormously supported by all the love and care I have received. Many, many thanks. Spike Milligan, the comedian and writer, continued his humour, even in death. On his tombstone he had inscribed "I told you I was sick!" Luckily, I am still here! Let us continue to pray for each other as our Irish Spring arrives, the days lengthen, the daffodils emerge and new life unfolds. Let's always count our blessings. (Fr. George Hayes)



**Choir practice will take place on Thursdays at 7.30pm. New members welcome.**

Next weekend, February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, at all the masses, we will have a collection for **Lourdes Helpers**. Your generosity is much appreciated, as always

### World day of the Sick 11th February



Mass at 2.30p.m. in Holy Cross, including anointing of the sick for the Kenmare Pastoral area including parishes of Glengarriff, Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Tuosist and Sneem.

#### Ministers of the Word – FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Vigil at 7.30 p.m.	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> Mass at 12 noon
Cliona/Tiarnan O'Shea	Anne Finn

#### Collectors – FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday Vigil 7.30 pm	Sunday 12 noon
Owen O'Sullivan	Pat O'Shea
Tim Sheehan	Johnny Finnegan
Marian O'Dwyer	Maureen Finnegan
David O'Dwyer	Jimmy Duggan

#### Diocesan Mission 2026

The diocesan mission, **Peace be with you all**, will take place from Sunday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Video Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Sr Finola Cunnane, Jim Deeds, Dr John Lannon and Gemma Mulligan. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 at Holy Cross Church Kenmare. Commencing with the Fatima intentions at 6.45 followed by the Rosary at 7pm. Confessions available. Mass at 7.30 followed by 15 mins meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary.