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Sunday, 14th February 2016 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

Kenmare Pastoral Area: Parishes of Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Glengarriff (Bonane), Sneem & Tuosist

The PLEDGE of Abstinence from Alcohol & Drugs: Many of our young parishioners, who will be confirmed on 2nd March, will take The Pledge of Abstinence from Alcohol & Drugs at the 8.00pm Vigil Mass this Saturday evening. They will promise to abstain from alcoholic drink until 18 years of age and from drugs for life.



Recent Deaths: We remember in our prayers **Mary (Maura) Reilly**, 6 Railway Crescent & Loughbrin and **Mary B. O'Connor**, The White House, Bonane.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE!

Mass Intentions this Week

Direendaragh	Sat	6.30pm	The Peoples Mass	
16th Feb	Tues	7.00pm	The Stations of the Cross	
Templenoe	Sun	10.45am	Maura Spillane	Anniversary
17th Feb	Wed	3.00pm	Holy Hour followed by the Stations of the Cross	
Holy Cross	Sat	8.00pm	Jim Nash, Scarteen Park & Blackwater	Month's Mind
	Sun	9.30am	Jack Downing	Anniversary
	Sun	12noon	Florry McCarthy, Peter & Mgt McCarthy	"
	Mon	10.00am	Cornelius O'Connor	"
	Tues	10.00am	Tom, Hannah & Barbara Bambury	"
	Wed	10.00am	Teddy, Johnny, John & Elizabeth O'Sullivan-Casey	"
XXX	Wed	7.30pm	The Stations of the Cross	
	Thur	10.00am	John & Agnes O'Connell, Rockcrest.	"
	Fri	10.00am	Seán Noonan, Cahir.	"
	Sat	10.00am	Sr. Sheila Cronin, Dromcahan & Derry.	R.I.P.

7 th Feb	Offertory Collection	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€13	€ 38	€ 51
Templenoe	€ 28	€ 64	€ 92
Kenmare	€ 470	€ 1402	€ 1,872

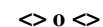
Church Notices

- ◆ **DO THIS IN MEMORY Co-ordinating Group** - meet in The Lodge, Tues (16th) at 7pm. 'DO THIS IN MEMORY' Mass next Sunday (21st) at 9.30am in Holy Cross Church
- ◆ **Trocaire Box:** Pick up a Trócaire box at the back of the church. Please God, people in need throughout the world will benefit from our Lenten practices.
- ◆ **CafeCredo Lent 2016:** The Path of the Messiah. This original EWTN documentary filmed in the Holy Land retraces the footsteps of Our Lord from His birth to His Resurrection. **Starting, Thursday, 18th February at 7.30pm in the Church Lodge and also on 25th February, 3rd and 19th March. All are very welcome.**
- ◆ **HORIZONS on Radio Kerry** - tune in every Sunday morning from 9-10am and enjoy The Religious and Social Affairs Programme of the Diocese of Kerry. Comments and suggestions for programmes are very welcome – just e-mail maryfagan@dioceseofkerry.ie.



PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING: Christians throughout history have found these to be the building blocks of Lenten Spiritual growth. They help us both cleanse our lives of what distracts us from God, and that new space, in turn, gives God's grace more room to take root and flourish.

Here are some Catholic prayer traditions . . . Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Stations of the Cross. Mary and the Saints. Rosary. Scripture. Prayers for all times and occasions.



We pray to celebrate good times and to ask for strength and perseverance in bad times. We pray for the living and the dead. The best way to learn more about prayer is just to do it. God is eager to talk with you. Weave prayer into your day - - - but also do your best to set aside a regular time to pray each day. That way you'll build a habit of prayer, which will enrich your life abundantly.

Sunday, 14th February, is the feast of St. Valentine.

A Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity.

He died on 14 Feb. 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries.

Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine".

Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him.

In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set February 14th to honour St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14th became the date for love messages and Valentine became the patron saint of lovers.

Diocese of Kerry 'Earth Week' Project on Biodiversity. Information meetings will be held in the Community Hall, Glengarriff, on Monday, 15th Feb at 7.30pm and in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney, on Tuesday, 16th Feb. at 7.30pm to explain the BIODIVERSITY project. **Everyone is welcome:** individual parishioners, members of pastoral councils, gardeners, teachers, students, youth leaders and interested members of the community of all ages. *Organised by the Diocesan JPIC and Kerry Co. Council.*

Further information check out - www.dioceseofkerry.ie under JUSTICE / Earth Week.

- **Templenoe Senior Citizens** – meet in the Community Centre on Fri 19th Feb at 11am.
- **Old Kenmare Cemetery AGM** – takes place in the Church Lodge after the 8.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 20th. New members very welcome!
- **Kerry Samaritans** – seeking new volunteers. Information evenings on Wed 17th Feb. at 8pm in the KDYS, Killarney & Thurs 18th Feb at 8pm in Manor West Hotel, Tralee. Samaritans can be contacted at any time by calling our free call helpline on **116 123**.
- **Recovery Haven (Cancer Support House)** will hold an outreach drop-in service in The Reeks, Killarney, Mon 15th Feb at 10am. **(2-3pm hour of Mindfulness)**. Anyone dealing with cancer individually or within their family is welcome.
- **Mental Health / Advancing Recovery in Ireland Seminar** – takes place on Friday 19th Feb KDYS, Killarney at 1.00pm. Guest speaker: Mr. Michael Ryan. More info: 086-7872294.
- **Irish Pilgrimage Trust** – are holding their church-gate collection on 27th & 28th Feb. All funds raised will be used to take young people with special needs to Lourdes at Easter.
- **Celebrating the Jubilee of Mercy at Knock Shrine.** Knock Shrine is holding a free weekend event on March 12th and 13th to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy. For further information from Frances at Knock Shrine, (094) 9388100, email: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or look-up www.knockshrine.ie/mercy.
- **Child Car Seat Checking Service** -takes place in SuperValu on Mon 22nd Feb 10am – 5.30pm.