

PARISH of KENMARE Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest

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Sunday, 1st January 2017 ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

RECENT DEATHS: We remember in our prayers **JOE O'SHEA**, Letter W. Molls Gap, Kenmare, **JAMES RINEY**, Killowen, Kenmare and **HELENA MORIARTY** (*nee Lyne*) Lauragh Upper, who died during the week. We also remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May they Rest in Peace.

Direendarragh: Sat 6.30pm		Catherine, Paud & Michael O'Shea. Coomnakilla. Anniversary
Thurs. 5th Jan 2017		Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord – Vigil Mass
Templenoe: Sun 10.45am		Sarah & John Moriarty, Slieveduff. Anniversary
Friday. 6th Jan 2017		Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Holy Cross Church		
Mass Intentions this week		
Sat	8.00pm	Tommy & Esther Harrington, Lower Reen. Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Denis O'Shea, Lodge Wood "
Sun	12noon	John R. McCarthy, Main St. "
Mon	10.00am	Paddy & Thade Downing and parents Dan & Hannah. "
Tues	10.00am	Denis Tuohy, Kilpatrick. "
Wed	10.00am	
Thurs	10.00am	Tom Woods, Dromneavane 1 st Anniversary
Thur (Vigil)	8.00pm	Patrick, Nora, Pat & Michael Twomey, Lackaroe Anniversary
Fri 6th Jan	9.30am	Deirdre Heffernan, Gorey, Wexford & Gerahdiveen. "
Fri 6th Jan	12noon	Danny O'Sullivan, Crossderry. "
Sat	10.00am	Con Sullivan, Oakpark, Tralee "

Holy Cross Church

Confessions: **Every Saturday from 12 noon to 1pm**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **Mon & Tues: 8am– 9pm & Fri 8-10am**
Christ Our King Prayer Group (the Church Lodge) **Wednesday: 7.30pm – 9.00pm**
Holy Hour **Sunday: 7.00pm – 8.00pm**

➤ **Kerry Diocesan Collection 'Needs of the Holy Land'** – taken up **next** weekend 7th/8th Jan.

'Thank You' ... A message of special appreciation from the parish community to each and everyone who helped stoke the spirit of Advent and Christmas celebration amongst us. The parish treasures every ounce and second that you 'gift' to us. May the Lord continue to reveal Himself among us through more and more such 'signs' and 'wonders.'

Friday 6th January, is the FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass Times as follows...

Holy Cross: Thursday, (5th) Vigil Mass 8p.m. **Direendaragh:** Thursday (5th) 6.30pm.
 Friday, (6th) 9.30a.m. & 12 noon **Templenoe:** Friday (6th) 10.45a.m.

Today's Readings: First Reading: Notice how the traditional blessing is phased; it's a triple prayer to the holy name of God ('The Lord'). It brings with it God's blessing, God's protection and God's loving attention.



Responsorial Psalm: takes up the same theme, namely the gracious blessing of God and the light of God's face. **Second Reading:** Describes the way in which all Christians share in the inheritance of Christ. **Gospel:** The shepherds come with a message announced by a host of angels. Notice the three words that jump up at you from this Gospel reading: 'haste', 'astonished' and 'treasured'.

15th World Day of Peace ~ 1st Jan 2017.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS

POPE FRANCIS

At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our "deepest dignity", and make active nonviolence our way of life.



Kerry Diocesan Collections:

The 2017 list of collections for church funds, in the Diocese of Kerry, is on display on the notice-board. To organisers of all other collections, thank you for taking note of these dates and adhering to the practice of taking your collections **outside** of the church grounds.

We wish you all a very



Holydays of Obligation - 2017

All Sundays of the Year

The Epiphany of the Lord	6 January
St. Patrick	17 March
The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	15 August
All Saints	1 November
The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	8 December
The Nativity of the Lord	25 December

Notable Feasts ~ 2017

Baptism of Our Lord	8 th January
Ash Wednesday	1 st March
Palm Sunday	9 th April
Easter Sunday	16 th April
Divine Mercy Sunday	23 rd April
Ascension	28 th May
Pentecost	4 th June
Holy Trinity	11 th June
Corpus Christi	18 th June
Sacred Heart of Jesus	23 rd June
Christ the King	26 th November
First Sunday of Advent	3 rd December

New Year's Resolution:

"Walk away from the culture of war and weapons." "Turn back to the God of peace, renounce violence, embrace everyone as sister and brother, live at one with creation, enter the communion of peace, enjoy the fullness of life in nonviolence, let love and compassion reign."

Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent church-gate 'CONCERN' Collection which amounted to €1,180.