

**PARISH of KENMARE** Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest

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**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**“Do this in Memory of Me”** – Liturgy for those preparing for **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** in May 2017 takes place in **Holy Cross Church** this Sunday morning at the 9.30am Mass.



**RECENT DEATHS:** **Maureen Orpen**, Valentia (*sister of Colm Griffin, AIB*) and **Donal O’Shea**, Skibbereen (*brother of Anne Downing, Dureen*). **May they Rest in Peace.**

<b>Direendarragh:</b> Sat 6.30pm	Kathleen O’Connor, Scarteen, Blackwater.	Anniversary
<b>Templenoë:</b> Sun 10.45am	John, Annie & Dan O’Sullivan	”
<b>Holy Cross Church ~ Mass Intentions this week ~</b>		
Sat 8.00pm	John Treanor .....	Anniversary
Sun 9.30am	Patrick Delaney, Tullig .....	”
Sun 12noon	Hilda Fennell, ‘Islandmore’ Bell Height. ....	”
Mon 10.00am	John & Margaret E. Gaine, Cappamore .....	”
Tues 10.00am	Danny Moriarty, Killarney Rd. ....	”
Wed 10.00am	Catherine Donoghue, Muxnaw .....	”
Thurs 10.00am	Julie, Dan & Willie McCarthy, Springwell ...	”
<b>Fri (16<sup>th</sup>) 8.30am</b>	Matilda & Mary Donovan, The Square .....	”
Sat 10.00am	Dan & Eileen Cronin, Dromcahan .....	”

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament* ..... **Mon & Tues: 8am–9pm & Fri 8-10am**  
*Christ Our King Prayer Group (the Church Lodge) ..* **Thursday: 7.30pm – 9.00pm**  
*Holy Hour* ..... **Sunday: 7.00pm – 8.00pm**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Dec 16</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Direendaragh</b>	€ 66	€ 72	<b>€ 138</b>
<b>Templenoë</b>	€ 135	€ 69	<b>€ 204</b>
<b>Kenmare</b>	€ 784	€ 1,034	<b>€ 1,818</b>

**Friday, 16th December:**

Mass at 8.30am – instead of 10.00am to facilitate Pobalscoil Confessions.

**Pobalscoil Confession:**

Holy Cross Church on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 9.00am.

**Christmas Confessions at Holy Cross Church**

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Kenmare Choral Festival Committee ~ Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in Holy Cross Church, next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.30pm.**

Entry is free - - - so come along and join the choir in all your favourite carols.

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit.

**Gaudete Sunday:**

(hence, the rose candle is lit and rose coloured vestments are worn)

This Sunday is called GAUDETE SUNDAY, which means ‘a day of rejoicing.’ ADVENT is half over, and the day of the Lord’s coming is nearer. The term ‘GAUDETE’ refers to the first word of the Mass for this day.

**Advent** -- - reminds us that we must watch and wait for the Lord – watch for the signs of grace in our lives and wait for the revelation of God in our lives. At the centre of ADVENT is our longing for a Saviour, for One who came to redeem us, who comes in our hearts, and who will arrive at the end of ages.



**Priest’s words of ABSOLUTION**

God, the Father of mercies,  
 through the death and resurrection of his Son  
 has reconciled the world to himself  
 and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the  
 forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the  
 Church, may God give you pardon and peace,  
 and I absolve you from your sins  
 in the name of the Father,  
 ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*May the suffering and death of our  
 Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 and of all the saints,  
 whatever good you do and  
 suffering you endure,  
 heal your sins,  
 help you to grow in holiness,  
 and reward you with eternal life.  
 God in peace.*

**Today’s Scripture Readings:** Isaiah’s image of the desert (1<sup>ST</sup> READING) made fertile



by rain, is used to describe the confident hope that God would restore his people, crushed by misfortune. Their most crippling disabilities will be relieved when God sends salvation to his people.

We see Jesus at work (GOSPEL), doing precisely the kind of things that has been predicted for the Messianic times (e.g., 1<sup>ST</sup> READING). Notice his words of praise for his imprisoned cousin, John the Baptist.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> READING James, talking about the Second Coming of Jesus, urges the kind of patience and hope farmers show in waiting for the harvest, and which the prophets showed as they waited for the promises to be fulfilled. [Flor McCarthy, SDB]

**Community Notes:**

- ♦ **St. Vincent de Paul** – Church gate Christmas Collection takes place this week-end 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please support.
- ♦ **Public Consultation Meeting:** in the Carnegie Arts Centre on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm re. Regulation of Casual Traders & KCC’s proposed new one-way traffic system in Kenmare.
- ♦ **Whist Drive** – in Templenoë Community Hall on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, **at 8.00pm**
- ♦ **Templenoë Senior Citizens** – meet in The Hall on Friday morning (16<sup>th</sup>) at 11.00am.
- ♦ **The Carnegie Players present ... ‘Twas the Week before Christmas’** 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8pm. Matinee at 2pm on Saturday, in aid of St. Francis Special School. Tickets: 064 6648701.
- ♦ **Kenmare Choral Festival presents...** Music and the Arts in Pobalscoil Inbhear Sceine, on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm at which the new community Grand Piano will be inaugurated. Booking essential - call Kathryn on 086 812 5015 or email kathynkenmare@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Don’t Be Lonely This Christmas** – Senior Help Line, Ireland’s only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and New Year from 10am – 10pm. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents. All calls completely confidential.