

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

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**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**RECENT DEATH:** We remember in our prayers Deirdre O'Hanlon, Drogheda & Dublin, who died recently. We also remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**May they Rest in Peace.**

<b>Direendarragh:</b> Sat 6.30pm		Joan Cremin, Inishfea, Blackwater. ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>Templenoë:</b> Sun 10.45am		William & Joanna Noonan .....	Anniversary
<b>Holy Cross Church ~ Mass Intentions this week ~</b>			
Sat	8.00pm	Norah McCarthy, Dromneavane. ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Ann & Sandra Keane .....	Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Gemma Hanlon ( <i>nee Brown</i> ) Ballymore Eustace.	"
Mon	10.00am	John Harrington, Killowen. ....	R.I.P.
Tues	10.00am	Denis O'Sullivan .....	Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Stefan Kantek & his deceased family .....	"
Thurs	10.00am	Jimmy Duffy .....	"
Fri	10.00am	Brian Forward .....	R.I.P.
Sat	10.00am		

11 <sup>th</sup> Dec '16	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 97	€ 51	€ 148
Templenoë	€ 119	€ 114	€ 233
Kenmare	€ 1,030	€ 1,039	€ 2,069

**Kenmare Choral Festival Committee ~ Annual Christmas Carol Sing Along in Holy Cross Church, this Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm.**

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

**Church Notices:**

**Confessions in Holy Cross Church... on Christmas Eve from 10.30am to 12.30pm.**

**Priests' Dues: 'Christmas Offering'.** The Christmas Collection/Dues for the support of the priests will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. 'Dues' envelopes are the main source of the priest's income. We would like to thank you for your continued support during the year which is very much appreciated.

**Christmas Vigil Mass**

*Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December*

Templenoë ..... 8.00 p.m.

Kenmare.....10.00 p.m.

*(Carols at 9.30pm)*



**Christmas Day Mass Times**

*Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> December*

Kenmare 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon

Direendaragh ..... 9.30 a.m.

Templenoë ..... 10.45 a.m.

**There is no 10.00am Mass on St. Stephen's Day**

**Prayer for Christmas Eve**

*Bring us fresh to Christmas, Fat her,  
take the scales of habit from our eyes,  
the crust of disappointment from our hearts,  
the pall of anxiety from our minds,  
the lead of routine from our feet.  
Lead us in childlike wonder to the Child.  
Kindle in us gratitude, enthusiasm, excitement.  
Make us part of a very joyful noise,  
And forgive us for ever forgetting what Christmas means  
Every day, all the time. Amen.*



**Today's Scripture Readings**

**First Reading:** Foretells the birth of a very special child – a child who will be called Emmanuel, that is, God-with-us. **Psalm:** Entering the presence of God required preparation of the interior self. **Second Reading:** Draws attention to the human and divine 'roots' of Jesus. **Gospel:** Shows how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in Jesus.



**Kenmare District Board GAA Area ~ 2016:**

We salute a year of unprecedented success for clubs, teams and individuals in the parish.

- ♦ Templenoë Club won the All Ireland Junior Football Club Championship and retained their Division 1 status.
- ♦ Kenmare Shamrocks won the Kerry Co. Intermediate Football Championship Club final and the Munster Intermediate Club Championship Final.
- ♦ The District Board Senior Football Team reached the County Football Final.
- ♦ Seán O'Shea captained the All-Ireland Kerry Minor Football winning team.
- ♦ Patrick Clifford, Adrian Spillane, Kevin O'Sullivan, Kieran Fitzgibbon and Dara O'Shea won All-Ireland Junior Football medals.
- ♦ Micheál McCarthy won an All-Ireland B Championship medal with the Kerry Minor Hurlers.
- ♦ Stephen O'Brien and Tadhg Morley won Munster Senior Football Championship medals.

Warm congratulations to families, clubs, schools and District who nurtured these proud moments. May the sporting endeavours of each and all continue to bring continuing enjoyment success and entertainment.

**Deciding on a Christmas Present? Think about giving ...**

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH KENMARE 150 (1864-2014) A Social & Local History,**

On sale at – DONOVANS' Main St. & KENMARE BOOKSHOP, Shelburne Street.

This comprehensive social history is of immense interest to anyone with Kenmare roots who wishes to treasure the heritage of their ancestors. It is a unique publication which chronicles the town's experience during the Great Irish Famine (1845-49) and is highly recommended for those interested in famine history. A book to be surely treasured by all of Kenmare Diaspora, the Kerry Diaspora and the Irish Diaspora in general.

- ♦ **The Carnegie Players present 'Twas the Week before Christmas'** on this Sun night at 8pm.
- ♦ **Kenmare Family Resource Centre** – welcomes everyone to the Centre on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12noon for tea, mince pies and Christmas music. All very welcome.
- ♦ **Whist Drive – at Taobh Linn.** On Wednesday next, the 21<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm.