

**PARISH of KENMARE** Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest  
 064-6641352 / email: presbyterykenmare@eircom.net / www.kenmareparish.com  
 Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017 ~ Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

*Epiphany Celebrates the Arrival of the Three Wise Men*

January 6th, is the Feast of the Epiphany.



Epiphany is the traditional end of the Christmas season in the Western Church and is traditionally the day when people put away their Christmas decorations. In the Western Church, December 25th was established as the date of Christ's birth and January 6th as the date on which the Wise Men visited him.



**Today's Scripture Readings:**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Christ is with us as a light shining in the darkness. His light is for everyone, all over the world.
- PSALM:** The divine rescue is for all, and no nation will be denied the opportunity.
- 2ND READING:** The Holy Spirit can reveal the person of Christ to each of us. The love of God, made visible in Christ is available to anyone who is open to it.
- GOSPEL:** Like the Magi, we too are drawn by the light of Christ, and guided by the scriptures to discover him for ourselves. We can worship him and hand over to him all that we have and are.

<b>Direendarragh:</b> Thurs (5 <sup>th</sup> Jan) Mass 6.30pm / <b>Templenoe:</b> Friday (6 <sup>th</sup> Jan) Mass 10.45am.		
<i>Holy Cross Church ~ Mass Intentions</i>		
<b>Thur (Vigil)</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	Patrick, Nora, Pat & Michael Twomey, Lackaroe Anniversary
<b>Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Deirdre Heffernan, Gorey, Wexford & Gerahdiveen. ”
<b>Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>12noon</b>	Danny O’Sullivan, Crossderry. .... ”
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Con Sullivan, Oakpark, Tralee ..... ”

➤ **Kerry Diocesan Collection ‘Needs of the Holy Land’** – taken up at the weekend 7/8 January.

*Reflection:*



*The story of the journey of the Magi: searching for Jesus is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own faith journey. As the Magi were guided by a star on their journey, we also have received guidance along the way.*



*We can use this day to recall with gratitude what stars we have followed. The people whose example and advice helped us? Who were our companions? What experience changed us and opened us to understanding of our faith? Was there a time when, like the Magi, we found Jesus?*

*Of course that discovery is never complete – there’s always more to learn about Jesus. Perhaps there were times when we lost our sense of direction in life --- lost sight of the guiding star.*



*The Magi lost sight of the star, then found it again and were ‘filled with delight’ as the star led them to Jesus.*



*Think of the benefits you have experienced from having the Spirit of Jesus as part of your life, and give thanks.*