

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

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**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Recent Death:** We remember in our prayers **CHRISTINA MCCARTHY**, Tulloha, Kenmare, who died during the week. We also remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**May the Rest in Peace.**

<b>Direendarragh:</b> Sat 6.30pm		Mary Egan, Killarney & Blackwater. ....	Month's Mind
<b>Templenoë:</b> Sun 10.45am		Joan & Denis Finnegan, Reen. ....	Anniversary
<b>Holy Cross Church</b>		<b>Mass Intentions this week</b>	
Sat	8.00pm	The O'Shea Family, Gortamullen. ....	Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Mai O'Connor, Scarteen Pk. ....	"
Sun	12noon	Danny, Josie & Jack Lynch, Killowen. ....	"
Mon	10.00am	Special Intention	
Tues	10.00am	William, Ella & Mary Ann O'Connell, Cahir. ...	"
Wed	10.00am	Thady & Peggy O'Connor, Scarteen Pk. ....	"
Thurs	10.00am	Seán Murray, Kenmare & Dundalk ....	"
Fri	10.00am	Humphrey O'Leary, Kilcurrane. ....	"
Sat	10.00am	Irena Kantek .....	"

**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**

8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 117	€ 52	<b>€ 169</b>
Templenoë	€ 111	€ 103	<b>€ 214</b>
Kenmare	€ 978	€ 1,064	<b>€ 2042</b>

- ♦ **'Do This in Memory' FHC Co-ordinating Group** – will meet in The Lodge on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. **'Do This in Memory' Mass** next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 9.30am in Holy Cross Church.
- ♦ **Confirmation 'You Shall be My Witnesses' Programme** – the Leader's Training meeting takes place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.15pm in St. John's N.S.
- ♦ **Pastoral Ministry Course** resumes next Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, in Pobalscoil Inbhear Sceine.

**Ardfert Retreat Centre:**

**The Faith Prayed:** by Fr. Sean Sheehy, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

**Ardfert Historical Lecture Series:** Stone upon stone: Buildings in Ardfert district by Donal Stack, Thursday, 19th Jan. 8.00pm to 10.00pm.

**Self Care Day:** Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness, on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 9.45am – 4pm. Further details contact Anna O'Donoghue 087 9447105.

**Today's Scripture:** Jesus is the Paschal Lamb of the Christian Passover, who by his death delivered the world from sin. Jesus is also the servant of God desecrated in Isaiah as being led without complaint like a lamb before the shearers, a man of sorrows who 'bore the sins of many.'



So at the beginning of his Gospel John outlines who Jesus is : the eternally existing one who is the die as the Paschal Lamb and suffering servant for the sins of men and women, and then pour forth the Holy Spirit on a new Israel.

**Reflection:** 'The Lord has put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God'. These words of today's psalm invite us to ask ourselves 'what kind of a song do I sing with my life'? Seeing our lives as a song is an interesting way to reflect on how we see life.

We can say that John the Baptist, in today's Gospel, did not see himself as a lead-singer. He was preparing the way, pointing to Jesus and he sang that song consistently and contentedly. Despite his secondary role, the song he sang was hope filled and inspired many people to follow the one who would baptise with the Holy Spirit.

What kind of a song do you sing? Have our lives got the appearance of a happy song or a dirge. There will be moments of sadness, loss and disappointment when we cannot sing other than a sad song. If we have consistently forgotten about 'the happy song', may be we could begin by taking time out to reflect.

Sorrows we have, with a prayer in our hearts that the Lord will put a new song into our mouths, praising God.

**Prayer for World Migrant & Refugee Sunday.**

Blessed are You, Lord God,  
 King of all creation.  
 Through Your goodness, we live in this land  
 that You have so richly blessed.  
 Help us always to recognize our  
 Blessings come from You  
 and remind us to share them  
 with others, especially those who  
 come to us today from other lands.  
 Help us to be generous, just, and welcoming,  
 as You have been and are generous to us.

**Community Notes:**

- ♦ **Whist Drive** – in Templenoë Community Centre, on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8pm.
- ♦ **Templenoë Senior Citizens** – will meet in the hall on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January at 11.a.m.
- ♦ **Kerry Branch of Samaritans** – wish to thank all who contributed to the Christmas collection in Kenmare & Templenoë which amounted to €3,070.50
- ♦ **Let's Read Together** – 6-wk programme for children aged 0-3yrs. It will commence on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10am. All parents should attend with their children. To book a place, please contact 064 6642790.
- ♦ **Kenmare Citizens Information Office:** Vacancy for Information Provider. Person must be eligible for Community Employment. Training provided. Contact Noel ☎086-1280263.