

PARISH of KENMARE Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest
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Sunday, 22nd January 2017 ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Today's Scripture:
First Reading: The prophet predicts future liberation for an oppressed people.
Psalms: We have nothing to fear when the light of the Lord 'brightens, our way.'
Second Reading: Divisions and rivalries assault the early church, which Paul denounces. **Gospel:** Jesus gathers disciples to his threefold ministries of teaching, preaching and healing.

"Do this in Memory of Me" – Liturgy for the boys and girls preparing for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION takes place in Holy Cross Church this Sunday morning at the 9.30am Mass.

Reflection:

Today's Gospel describes the start of the Ministry of Jesus; his ministry, he says, is akin to switching on a light. ('The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light'). People living in fear saw a God of love. People who were full of guilt saw a God of forgiveness. People weighted down saw a God of hope.

This is what happens to all who hear the call of Jesus to repent. This repentance preached by Jesus is bigger than being sorry for the past. It means a change of heart, a change in how we relate to God and to those around us. So think of a neighbour who might appreciate a visit. Think of anyone around you who is feeling a bit low.

You can continue to work of Jesus - - - helping those who lived in darkness to see a great light.



Recent Deaths: We remember in our prayers **Flora Murphy**, Taobh Linn & Seaview, Sneem, **Mamie McIntyre**, Killarney Rd. Kenmare and **James O'Sullivan**, Long Island, NY & late of Killowen, Kenmare. **May they Rest in Peace.**

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| Direndarragh: Sat 6.30pm | Padraig & Peggy O'Neill, Gerah, Blackwater. Anniversary |
| Templenoe: Sun 10.45am | The People's Mass |
| Holy Cross Church | |
| Mass Intentions this week | |
| Sat 8.00pm | Mary Hanley, Railway Road. Anniversary |
| Sun 9.30am | The People's Mass |
| Sun 12noon | Joe O'Shea, Letter, Molls Gap. Month's Mind |
| Mon 10.00am | James O'Sullivan, Long Island, NY & Killowen. R.I.P. |
| Tues 10.00am | Margaret Healy, Shelbourne St. Anniversary |
| Wed 10.00am | Margaret & Con O'Shea, Ballygriffin. " |
| Thurs 10.00am | Johanna Mary Tangney, Killowen. " |
| Fri 10.00am | Philip Hayes, Ceann Mara, Killowen. " |
| Sat 10.00am | Tom Condon, Killowen & Michael O'Sullivan (P.O.) " |



... 18th to 25th January ... The theme for this year is ...
'Reconciliation – the Love of Christ Compels Us'
 [2 Corinthians 5: 14-20]

As a way of praying and meditation during these days of prayer for unity among the followers of Christ, you could focus on a particular day as follows:

- Sunday, 22nd Everything has become new in Christ.
- Monday, 23rd God has reconciled us to Himself.
- Tuesday, 24th The Ministry of Reconciliation and Healing
- Wednesday, 25th Reconciled to God.

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**

Prayer for Christian Unity:

Eternal Father,
*we praise you for sending your Son
 to be one of us and to save us.
 Look upon your people with mercy,
 for we are divided in so many ways,
 and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.
 We ask this gift, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

| 15 Jan 17 | Offertory | Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes | Total |
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| Direndarragh | € 85 | € 71 | € 156 |
| Templenoe | € 71 | € 92 | € 163 |
| Kenmare | € 660 | € 1011 | € 1671 |

- ♦ **Parish Pastoral Council** – meeting on Monday night, 23rd January, 8pm at the Presbytery.
- ♦ **Confirmation 'You Shall be My Witnesses' Programme** – the Leader's Training meeting takes place on Tuesday, 24th January, at 7.15pm in St. John's N.S.
- ♦ **An Ecumenical Prayer Service** for the week of prayer for Christian Unity will take place on this Sunday, January 22nd at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney. All welcome.
- ♦ **ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: 'The Faith Prayed'** by Fr. Sean Sheehy, on 25th Jan at 7.00pm.
- ♦ **Self Care Day:** Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness, on Saturday, 28th January, 9.45am – 4pm. Further details contact Anna O'Donoghue 087 9447105.
- ♦ **Keeping Hope Alive:** by Josephine Fitzgibbon & Mick Joyce, Sat. 4th Feb. 10.00am-4.00pm.

- ♦ **Kenmare Rowing & Boat Club - Ultimate Sports Predictor 2017.** Sheets available at Florry Batts', Café Mocha and Committee Members or email kenmarerowing@gmail.com.
- ♦ **Kenmare Citizens Information Office:** Vacancy for Information Provider. Person must be eligible for Community Employment. Training provided. Contact Noel ☎086-1280263.
- ♦ **Enable Ireland Kerry Services** – annual church gate collection in Kenmare on 28th & 29th January. Proceeds will be used to support children & adults with disabilities in Co. Kerry. If you would like to help volunteer with any of the collections, contact Seán 066-7128220.
- ♦ **'Let's Read Together'** starts at Kenmare Family Resource Centre on Thursday 26th January 10-11am. Parents & children welcome to attend. Bookings: ☎064 6642790.