



*Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry. At it God acknowledges his Beloved Son. We gather, as God's adopted children, to give praise and thanks to him who calls us to be part of his chosen people.*

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| <b>Direendarragh:</b> Sat 6.30pm | Tim Clifford, Raycoslough. ....          | Anniversary  |
| <b>Templenoe:</b> Sun 10.45am    | Julia O'Sullivan, Cappanacush West ..... | "  |
| <b>Holy Cross Church</b>         |  |  |
| <b>Mass Intentions this week</b> |  |  |
| Sat                              | 8.00pm                                   | Charlie Brennan ..... Anniversary                  |
| Sun                              | 9.30am                                   | Tom, Nora & Peter Harrington, Lodge Wood. .... "   |
| Sun                              | 12noon                                   | Derry Downing, Gortrooskagh .....                  |
| Mon                              | 10.00am                                  | Seán Madden, Firgrove. .... "                      |
| Tues                             | 10.00am                                  | Jimmy McCarthy, Roughty Lodge .....                |
| Wed                              | 10.00am                                  | Dr Patrick, Lily & Timmy Mahony, 17 Main Street. " |
| Thurs                            | 10.00am                                  | Frank, Kate & John Bell, Killowen .....            |
| Fri                              | 10.00am                                  |  |
| Sat                              | 10.00am                                  |  |

**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**

| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Jan</b> | <b>Offertory</b> | <b>Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| <b>Direendaragh</b>       | € 52             | € 83  | <b>€ 132</b>   |
| <b>Templenoe</b>          | € 111            | € 102   | <b>€ 213</b>   |
| <b>Kenmare</b>            | € 983            | € 1,169   | <b>€ 2,152</b> |

- **Kerry Diocesan Collection 'Needs of the Holy Land'** – taken up this weekend 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- **Priests' 'Dues' Envelopes:** Many thanks to all parishioners who have sent in your envelopes and to all who contributed to the collection last week-end. We are very grateful to you for your continued support throughout the past year.
- **Readers & Eucharist Ministers for Holy Cross Church:** You can pick up the 2017 Yearly 'Rota' Sheet in the sacristy, after Masses, this weekend.

**Kerry Diocesan Clergy Assembly 2017.**

The priests of the diocese are holding their annual assembly in Killarney this week (8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January.) They gather, pray, talk, share experiences and prepare for the new and exciting challenges that they face as priests.

We welcome Bishop William Crean back to his home diocese - a chance to renew acquaintances. He will reflect on the challenges facing our parishes in our time.

**PUBLIC TALK, by Bishop Crean,** will take place at the Assembly on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, 8.00pm in the Gleneagle Ballroom, Killarney.

**Title: "From what wells do we drink now."**

**Reflections on the changing patterns of faith and practice in Ireland today.**



**Today's Readings:** **First Reading:** Christ is the servant who gently brings light to our darkness and freedom where we are enslaved.  
**Second Reading:** Through Jesus the power of the Holy Spirit has become present in the world in a new way, bringing peace to all who turn to God through him.

**Gospel:** Today's Gospel hints at the greatness and the humiliation.

**Reflection:** The Spirit of God descending on Jesus at his baptism played a crucial role throughout his life and also plays an important role in our lives too. As the reading from Acts reminds us, it was because the Spirit of God was with him that 'Jesus went about doing good.'

Centuries before that, the prophet Isaiah also spoke of the role of the Spirit: 'I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.' That same Spirit is with us as we seek to follow the example of Jesus. Have there been times when you have sensed the prompting of the Spirit to reach out? Have you been encouraged by your belief that the Spirit is with you in your life?

**Prayers of the Faithful**

1. Gracious God, we come to you filled with courage and strength. Enable us to have the strength that we always need as we navigate the storms and choppy waters in our lives.
2. Holy Spirit, we ask that we are always courageous enough to respond to your guiding light.
3. Saving God, we thank you for our community of prayers. Gathered together we can do so much for the world.

**Community Notes:**

- ♦ **Whist Drive at Taobh Linn,** Railway Rd. on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at 8pm
- ♦ **Carnegie Arts Centre:** Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm "Emerging from the Shadow of Tom Crean." Join Aileen & Team Tom Crean to hear and view images about their adventures in the Southern Ocean & South Georgia. Tickets: ☎064-6648701. All proceeds in aid of Saint Vincent de Paul Society. ... **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> Jan at 8pm** - - - 'Shirley Valentine' [Play]. **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8pm** - - - Seán Keane on Stage / Tickets: ☎064-6648701.
- ♦ **Adult Literacy & Basic Education Service** at Kenmare Adult Education Centre. If you have difficulty with reading, writing or spelling ☎ Maggie 064 6642728 or 086 8279248. All courses are free - confidentially assured. n

**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.