

PARISH of KENMARE Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest
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Sunday, 5th March 2017 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent.

RECENT DEATHS: We remember in our prayers **Michael Gaine**, New York and late of Cahir East, Kenmare, **Ellen O'Connor (nee Lovett)** Donaghmede & late of Bonane, and **Patrick O'Sullivan (Bluman)** Gortalinny North, Kenmare.
May they Rest in Peace.

Direendaragh Church: Sat. 6.30pm` Peggy O'Connor & Daniel O'Shea, Droumlusk. (Anniv)
Templenoe Church: Sun.10.45am Patrick, Denis & Kay O'Sullivan, Greenane P.O. (Anniv)

<i>Holy Cross Church</i>		<i>Mass Intentions this week</i>
Sat	8.00pm	Mamie McIntyre, Killarney Rd. Month's Mind
Sun	9.30am	Joseph Fitzgerald, Castlecove & UK. Died Recently
Sun	12noon	Jack Downing, Gortrooskagh Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Mary Harrington, Droumatouk & Rock St. "
Tues	10.00am	Matthew O'Donoghue, Our Lady's Bridge "
Wed	10.00am	Helen Hallissey, Gortnacurra "
Thurs	10.00am	Edna & Vincent O'Sullivan, Main St. "
Fri	10.00am	Con Murnane, Bantry & Kenmare. "
Fri	8.00pm	Dermot Donovan, Main St. Month's Mind
Sat	10.00am	John & Agnes O'Connell, Rockcrest House Anniversary

	<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes</i>	Total
Direendaragh	€ 50	€ 85	€ 135
Templenoe	€ 51	€ 54	€ 105
Kenmare	€ 669	€ 1,131	€ 1800

Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Every **Tuesday** at **7pm** in **Direendarragh Church.**
 Every **Wednesday** at **7.30pm** in **Holy Cross Church**

- ◆ **Kerry Diocesan Collection 'Emigrant Services'** – taken up next weekend 11th & 12th March.
- ◆ **Junior Liturgy Choir:** Any young person interested in joining the Junior Liturgy Choir, in Holy Cross Church, please contact Alison 086-4544444 or Andrew Whelton 087-7848065.
- ◆ **Are you a Primary school student / teenager / adult** who would like to volunteer to read the Prayers of the Faithful at the 9.30am Mass in Holy Church on March 12th/19th/26th & April 2nd /9th and 16th - Please text 086-0839903 if you can help on all or any of those dates.
- ◆ **God's Heart for Migrants:** Biblical Wisdom for a World in Turmoil. Starts Wednesday, 8th March, 11am-12noon, at the Gateway, Killarney Road, Kenmare.
- ◆ **Weekend of Prayer, Praise and Healing** Sat. 11th & Sun 12th March in Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, with Maria Vadia, Canon MI. Fitzgerald and Fr John Keane. Mass on both days. For further information contact Celia 087 2405568. For Bus phone 086 8380406.

Tuesday, March 7th at 8pm ...
Wholeness in Christ: Relaxing the mind, renewing the heart.
Martina Lehane Sheehan, in Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine. [Hosted by Kenmare Pastoral Area]

LENT: Lent is a new beginning: Return to God with all your heart. Lent reminds us of our demons. There's the demon of grandiosity (as we are the centre of the universe, that our lives are more important than those of others.) Loneliness is a demon (it is the most frequently 'googled' word in Ireland.)

There is the demon of fear which torments us by telling us constantly that at the end of the day we will be unloved, excluded, outside the circle. We look for anyway to remove the fear. There is the demon called paranoia (it enters when we become embittered or cynical or distressed or angry or jealous,) believing that life has cheated us, that others win and we lose. Lent is a time to honestly confront the demons within us; to let God be God and do battle within us. (NIALL AHERN)

**Lent is a time of renewal,
 A time of growth and refreshment,
 A time for you, others and God.**

Donations to Trócaire's Lenten Campaign provide shelter, food, water and other life-saving aid up to one million people each year. We are providing humanitarian aid in 13 countries; providing food to the hungry, shelter to the displaced and medicine to the sick. **We know the communities most at risk – we now need your support.**

... Pick up a Trocaire Box at the back of the church today ...



The Stations of the Cross – is the story of the final hours in the life of Jesus Christ on earth to provide spiritual conviction for every Christian and applies to our lives.

The Stations of the Cross serve as a stark reminder of the humble way in which Jesus was willing to set aside any godly privilege in order to provide for us a path to salvation through this sacrifice.

The Stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays and especially on Good Friday. Come and walk with us as we recall and meditate on the events of Christ's last day.

Visit the SACRED SPACE, beside the Main Altar, and reflect on today's readings....

A Parish Liturgy Committee: In every walk of life and every activity, leaders are needed. The liturgy is no exception. The people may be ready to worship, but his readiness must be harnessed. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work to be done to make the Mass go well. If the work is to be done properly it must be done together. This is where the Parish Liturgy Committee comes. Thanks to all who are doing just that to promote and improve parish worship in the Mass, sacraments and other ceremonies.

- ◆ **Kenmare Mart.** Meeting on Tuesday, 7th March at 8.30pm to discuss the forthcoming 'Darkness into Light' walk for Pieta House which will be held in Kenmare on 6th May 2017 at 4.15am. The committee will be looking for support in all areas, your support is appreciated.
- ◆ **Whist Drive in Taobh Linn** –on Wednesday, 8th March at 8pm. All very welcome!
- ◆ **Kenmare FRC:** Empowering Parents – supports parents to acquire the knowledge & skills to effectively advocate on behalf of their special needs children – starts Thurs 9th March; Art Factory – make & do for primary school children starts Mon. 6th March. Contact 064 6642790
- ◆ **Emerging from the Shadow of Tom Crean** – in Lauragh Community Centre, on Saturday 11th March at 8pm. All proceeds in aid Lauragh Community Centre. Join Aileen & Team Tom Crean to hear about their recent adventure to South Georgia – not to be missed.