

PARISH of KENMARE

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, 8th December 2016



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We celebrate Mary who from the first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother, Anne, was 'by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved free from all stain of original sin.'



Mary's Yes! Our Yes!

When the Angel Gabriel came to Mary and said 'The Lord is with you' we don't know if Mary answered 'and with your spirit'. What is clear is that Mary gave a complete YES to the Lord saying, 'I am the Lord's servant'.

God's intervention into human history hangs on this moment. God asks for space and Mary gives space for God to enter into her life. We often distance ourselves from this encounter and in the words of Margaret Silf 'put Mary into a glass case, surround her with flowers, and avoid the personal consequences of this moment'.

For Mary there were consequences, one of which could easily have been death by stoning. What about the conversation that was to follow with Joseph? God asks not just Mary, but each of us to make him a home in our lives. He is constantly asking us to make room for Him. What can we say YES to?

It is no use saying that we are born 2,000 years too late to give room to Christ.... Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts..... And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it, is giving it to Christ.

[INTERCOM Dorothy Day]

Holy Cross Church.			Mass Intentions	
Vigil Mass	Wed	8.00pm	Helena & Patrick O'Sullivan & family Claddanure.	Anniversary
Holy Day	Thurs	9.30am	Ellen, Patie & Paddy Kelleher, Incheese, Kilgarvan.	"
8 th Dec.	Thurs	12noon	Lil Murphy, 4 Henry St. Kenmare.	"
	Fri	10.00am	Ambrose O'Sullivan, Muckcross, Killarney	1 st Anniversary
	Sat	10.00am	Eoin McCarthy, Killarney Road	Month's Mind

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7 th Dec 2011	Wed	6.30pm	James 'Jim' Nash, Scarteen Pk & Derrivara.	1 st Anniversary
Templenoe	Thur	10.45am	Paddy Crowley & Peg & Jerry O'Connor	Anniversary

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Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of Virgins my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Despise not my prayers and petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.



The Crib in 'The Square' was blessed last Saturday evening (3rd Dec) ...

Do pay it a visit!

A Prayer after the Rosary.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and Resurrection, has opened to us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these mysteries of the holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

- ♦ **St. Vincent de Paul** – Church gate Christmas Collection takes place this week-end 10th & 11th December. Please support.
- ♦ **Saturday, 17 December** - Pobalscoil Inbhear Sceine - 7.30pm - Kenmare Choral Festival presents Music and the Arts at which the new community Grand Piano will be inaugurated - music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schumann and Saint Saens - an exhibition of artworks by local artists, and some wine and festive nibbles. Tickets €15 - Seating limited so booking essential - call Kathlyn on 086 812 5015 or kathynkenmare@gmail.com.
- ♦ **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 and confidentially assured.
- ♦ **Support group for parents of children with special needs or learning difficulty.** Meet on Thurs 15th Dec (15th) at 10am Kenmare Family Centre, Railway Rd.