

RECENT DEATH:

We remember in our prayers **CHARLES O’SULLIVAN**, Davitt’s Place, Kenmare & Manchester (brother of Margaret Dalton) who died during the week. We also remember all whose anniversary occurs at this time. *May they Rest in Peace.*

Direendaragh Church: Sat. 6.30pm. James & Joan Jones, Loughbrin. Anniversary		
14th March ... Tues 7.00pm The Stations of the Cross		
16th March ... Thurs: 6.30pm Vigil Mass for St. Patrick’s Day.		
Templenoe Church: Sun.10.45am J.P. & Kathleen O’Sullivan. Anniversary		
There will be no STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Wednesday afternoon.		
Holy Cross Church		Mass Intentions this week
Sat	8.00pm	Dan & Margaret Sleator Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Margaret Gaine, Corrig ”
Sun	12noon	John Sheehan, Henry St. ”
Mon	10.00am	James & Joan O’Shea, Gortamullen ”
Tues	10.00am	Hilda Gallagher ”
Wed 15 th Mar	10.00am	John & Helena O’Sullivan, Killowen. ”
	7.30pm	The Stations of the Cross
Thurs 16 th Mar	10.00am	Packie & Anne Mai Hanley, Henry St. Anniversary
	8.00pm	Florrie O’Sullivan, Gortamullen Hse. ”
17 th Mar. Fri	10.00am	Denis Harrington, Dromatouk. ”
	12noon	Jan Vass, Gerahdiveen ”
Sat	10.00am	Special Intention

5 th Mar 2017	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 52	€ 91	€ 143
Templenoe	€ 52	€ 84	€ 136
Kenmare	€ 692	€ 989	€ 1,681

Church Notices:

- ◆ **Kerry Diocesan Collection ‘Emigrant Services’** – taken up this weekend 11th & 12th March.
- ◆ **Do This in Memory’ FHC Co-ordinating Group** - will meet in The Lodge on Monday, 13th March at 7pm. **‘Do This in Memory’ Mass** next Sunday, 19th Feb at 9.30am in Holy Cross Church.
- ◆ **God’s Heart for Migrants:** Biblical Wisdom for a World in Turmoil. Starts Wednesday, 8th March, 11am-12noon, at the Gateway, Killarney Road, Kenmare.

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

Confirmation 2017

We look forward to the visit to the parish on **WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH**, of Bishop Ray Brown who will administer the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION at HOLY CROSS CHURCH at 3.30pm.**



To confirmation candidates, family and friends:

- The Bishop will be available for photographs after the Confirmation Ceremony
- Please refrain from photography or videoing during the Ceremony.

Friday, 17th March St. Patrick’s Day – Lá le Pádraig
 ~ Holyday of Obligation ~
Masses in the three churches as per Sunday Mass Times.
 * * **Shamrock will be blessed at each Mass** * * *



Today’s Readings:



Like the story of Jesus’ baptism, the transfiguration is a ‘revelation’ story. Both stories are ‘revelations’/glimpses of Jesus as he is or as he will be. In both there is a voice, and the voice says the same words. A mountain is a place of divine ‘sighting.’ The cloud is a sign of the presence of God. Moses and Elijah stand for the Law and for the Prophets.

We have no idea what happened on the mountain. But its main significance was for Jesus himself; of course, it also benefited the apostles. In the transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the Risen Lord.

In the First Reading, Abraham learns terrible, costly lessons about obedience and trust. In the Psalm, God releases you from every affliction so that you might remain in the land of the living.

In the Second Reading, God is on your side, so it doesn’t really matter what or who apposes you.

Get Connected:

- (1) New Faith Podcast on www.catholicnews.ie. FAITHCAST is the new fortnightly podcast from www.catholicnews.ie featuring interviews and news from the Catholic Church.
- (2) New Catechetics Website at www.catechetics.ie where you’ll find news items, resources and prayers.
- (3) Vatican Observatory on YouTube: a number of the films there feature bloggers speaking about issues of faith and science.

Community Notes:

Ardfert Retreat Centre: The Faith Prayed: Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed.15th/22nd/29th March at 7pm.
The Carnegie Players Present ‘The Chastitute’ by John B. Keane. This Sat/Sun/Mon at 8pm.
BINGO ... continues every Thursday night at 8:00pm in Pobal Scoil Inbhear Sceine, Kenmare.
Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 15 June 2017. The volunteers will work on a project for 2 weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Further info... contact Denis 086 8520271.
Irish Pilgrimage Trust – recent church-gate collection amounted to €761.64. Thanks to all.