

**PARISH OF KENMARE** Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest  
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**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 - ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
*Kenmare Pastoral Area: Parishes of Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Glengarriff (Bonane), Sneem & Tuosist*

**Recent Deaths:** We remember in our prayers **Elizabeth ‘Liz’ Langford**, 47 Dromneavane, Kenmare, **Mary ‘Moll’ Cooper**, Dromcahan, Kenmare, and **Paddy Sheehan**, Dursey Island, West Cork (*Operator of the Dursey Island Cable Car*). **May they Rest in Peace.**  
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<b>Direendaragh Church:</b> Sat. 6.30pm. Patrick O’Connell. ....		Anniversary.
<b>Templenoe Church:</b> Sun.10.45am Fiona O’Sullivan, Lackeen .....		Anniversary
<b>Holy Cross Church</b>		<b>Mass Intentions this week</b>
Sat	8.00pm	Ted O’Donoghue, Golden Bay, Killowen ..... Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Margaret & Dan O’Brien, Kilmurry ..... ”
Sun	12noon	Patrick O’Sullivan, Gortlinny North ..... Month’s Mind
Mon	10.00am	Denis O’Sullivan ..... 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Catherine O’Connor ..... Anniversary
Wed/Thurs	10.00am	
Fri	10.00am	Joan & Danny O’Sullivan, Henry St. .... Anniversary
Sat	10.00am	Stanley Goddard ..... ”

26 <sup>th</sup> March	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 48	€ 49	€ 97
Templenoe	€ 74	€ 87	€ 161
Kenmare	€ 767	€ 1,095	€ 1,862

**Church Notices:**

**Kerry Diocesan Collection ‘World Meeting of Families 2018’ taken up this weekend.**  
 Today’s National Collection for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin 22-26 August 2018. It is an international event which Pope Francis will attend. It’s a one-off event that every parish, it is hoped, will help fund. For info: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) or follow on Twitter [www.twitter/wmof2018](https://twitter.com/wmof2018).

**Kenmare Area Pastoral Council Meeting** – Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, at 8pm in the Church Lodge.

**Confessions for Easter at Holy Cross Church: Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am – 12.30.**

**Holy Communion and Catholic Coeliacs:** Catholic Coeliacs may receive Holy Communion under either the species of wine alone or by use of low-gluten hosts. If you wish to receive from the chalice or by means of low-gluten host, approach the priest on the Communion line.

**Time for a Challenge?** Are you interested in becoming a volunteer Facilitator with ACCORD, Catholic Marriage Care Service, helping to facilitate pre marriage courses in Killarney? We are having an OPEN NIGHT on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the John Paul 11 Pastoral Centre, Rock Rd. More details contact ...064 6632644 or email [accordkillarney@eircom.net](mailto:accordkillarney@eircom.net).

**Legion of Mary (Kerry)** offers to sponsor some young adults who would like to attend ‘Young Adults Marian Conference’ on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Ennismore Retreat Centre. Cork. ☎ 087-9048659.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend in Cork, 5-7<sup>th</sup> May:** A weekend to make good marriages better. See [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call 086-8334382.

- ◆ **Anam Cara (a support organisation for bereaved parents).** Parent Evening on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Recovery Haven, 5 Haigs Terrace, Killerisk, Tralee.
- ◆ **Youth2000** – will host a Catholic Youth retreat in St. Brendan’s College, Killarney on 7-9<sup>th</sup> April (for 16-35 year olds). See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or phone 086-3066892.

**Today’s Scripture:** The main aim of John’s Gospel is to stir faith in Jesus and to show the effect that faith in Him generates. Notice the final sentence of the story. Martha is presented as a model of faith; against the odds she makes a wonderful profession of faith. The point of the story is that Jesus is the Master of life and death.



**First Reading:** The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. Their return home is described in terms of resurrection.

**Psalm:** Even from the depths of despair, the cry of those who trust in God is heard.  
**Second Reading:** It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us.

**Hate Confession?** Because of a bad experience? Or because you argue that you can always tell God your sins? And of course you can, but do you? It helps to verbalize your sins with another person. Hearing the words of absolution is powerful. Remember that Confession isn’t about how bad you are, but how good God is. Don’t stay away. Rediscover the beauty of the sacrament.

<b>God’s Forgiveness:</b>	<b>Jesus the Saviour from Sins:</b>
Two ideas are basic ...	Jesus’ Mission was/is about saving his people from their sins and bringing pardon for sins. The name Jesus means ‘The Lord saves’. His coming and his mission are about forgiveness; the central New Testament truth is that God granted his pardon through the person and work of Jesus.
(1) Fault and pardon are factual realities. Evil deeds wreck the good order of creation; balance can be restored only through good actions.	The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not so much a means to obtain God’s mercy as a sign of God’s forgiveness. Reconciliation is a pure ‘1 <sup>st</sup> move’ of God’s generosity towards the repentant sinner.
(2) God is a benevolent creator, not a dour creditor; He restores human beings to their beautiful condition of being loved by him and mends the damage done to the world, person or relationship.	

- ◆ **Whist Drive in Taobh Linn:** Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8 o’clock. This is the last Whist Drive until the Autumn... Everybody welcome!
- ◆ **Coffee Morning,** on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lansdowne Arms Hotel to raise funds for a Memorial for John Egan. Please support – all welcome!
- ◆ **County Clean-Up Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April.** Kenmare Tidy Towns are hoping to clean up the Moll’s Gap Road including the Mart Road. Lots of volunteers needed. All meet in The Square at 9.00 o’clock Saturday morning...
- ◆ **Old Kenmare Graveyard Association:** meeting on Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> April after the 8pm Vigil Mass in the Church Lodge. New members are required so please ‘do your bit’ and come along and attend the meeting.
- ◆ **Daffodil Day 2017 (24<sup>th</sup> March).** €9,503 was raised for this worthy cause. Thanks to all who helped and donated on the day. [Peggy Fitzgibbon]