

PARISH OF KENMARE Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest
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Sunday, 26th March 2017 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent ~ Laetare Sunday
 Kenmare Pastoral Area: Parishes of Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Glengarriff (Bonane), Sneem & Tuosist



Direendaragh Church: Sat. 6.30pm. Margaret O'Sullivan-Myles. 1 st Anniversary	
Templenoe Church: Sun.10.45am Mary Ryan Anniversary	
Holy Cross Church	Mass Intentions this week
Sat	8.00pm Paddy Brennan, Killowen Anniversary
Sun	9.30am Christopher O'Donoghue, Mucksna "
Sun	12noon Aidan Breen, Dunkerron "
Mon	10.00am
Tues	10.00am Special Intention
Wed	10.00am Joseph Fitzgerald R.I.P.
Thurs	10.00am Jim & Rita Foley and Jim Jnr. Limerick Anniversary
Fri	10.00am The Barnwell Family "
Sat	10.00am Michael & Joan Donovan "

17 & 19 Mar	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€43	€ 53	€ 96
Templenoe	€ 152	€ 204	€ 356
Kenmare	€ 1,772	€ 876	€2,648

- ◆ **Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting** – on Monday, 27th March at 8pm in the Presbytery.
- ◆ **FIRST CONFESSION** – for children receiving First Holy Communion on 6th May, will be on next Tuesday, 28th March at 11.30am in Holy Cross Church.
- ◆ **CafeCredo Group presents ... DISCOVERING OUR FAITH** - in the Church Lodge, on Thursday, 30th March 7.30pm – 9pm. All welcome!
- ◆ **Kerry Diocesan Collection 'World Meeting of Families 2018'** taken up next weekend.

TODAY'S READING:

The Gospel Reading is a story about a growing in faith, expressing faith in Jesus. His journey from blindness to sight symbolises the faith-journey from darkness to light. In giving sight to the blind man Jesus shows that he is the light of the world.

The Second Reading is about eh Ephesians who having been enlightened by Christ are called to a lifestyle in keeping with their new state.

The First Reading talk about the depth of God's seeing, while people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

*We pray for all mothers, this Mothering Sunday.
 We pray in gratitude especially for our own mothers;
 those who are still living and those who have died.*

Holy Cross Church ... ROTA for April 2017.			
<i>If you cannot attend your Mass, please arrange to have someone else on the list replace you.</i>			
Collectors	8pm Vigil Mass	9.30am Mass	12 noon Mass
<i>Centre</i>	Frank McGonigle	John Cronin Anna O'Neill	John Finnegan Maureen Finnegan
<i>Right</i>	Tim Madden	Peggy O'Dwyer	Tom Foley
<i>Left</i>	Finbarr O'Shea	Noreen Sheehan	Jeremiah Hallissey
<i>Back</i>	Jackie Horgan	Aidan Murnane	Eoin O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers			
April	Noreen Cronin-O'Shea	Eileen O'Sullivan (E)	Danny O'Connor
Group 'A'	Mary O'Farrell	Sheila Hanley	Eileen Connolly
	Maura Sheehan	Eileen O'Sullivan (P.O.)	Mary O'Grady
Readers			
<i>1st & 2nd</i>	Abbey Healy	John Moriarty	Maureen Finnegan
<i>8th & 9th</i>	PALM SUNDAY	PALM SUNDAY	PALM SUNDAY
<i>15th & 16th</i>	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER
<i>22nd & 23rd</i>	Cliona O'Shea	Kieran Moriarty	Johnny Finnegan
<i>A Separate set of arrangements for ... Palm Sunday (9th April) and Easter Sat/Sun (15th & 16th April) will be made shortly.</i>			

Parish Liturgy in Lent.

The Vatican II Liturgy document proclaimed that we are the pilgrim people of God and encouraged that our gathering for and celebration of the Mass reflect that. Hence, Mass in English, priest facing the people, ministries of the Eucharist and of the Word, congregation active in responses and singing. The encouragement is that priest and minister and congregation would begin the Mass in a way that would gently express the sacred purpose and solidarity with which we gather in response to God's love for us. Hence the opening hymn and the procession, sometimes simple, other times more formal.

There are wonderful examples of processing in our Catholic faith, e.g., Gifts at Mass, Palm Sunday, Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday, Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Corpus Christi.

It's a way of marking the sacredness of and purpose of the Celebration and of all who are part of it. It expresses that we are proud and privileged to be God's people gathering in response to God's call to celebrate the Eucharist to 'do this in memory of me':

The Cross, the Altar Servers, the Book of the Gospel (held aloft to give reverence to the Word of God) the Ministers of the Word who proclaim it and the Ministers of the Eucharist who distribute the 'Bread of Life' and anyone who can join in; and the Choir, the Cantor or anyone who can lead the singing.

You have noticed we are making a start to do this during Lent and we are blessed with patience, effort and understanding of all to reflect the holiness and beauty of God and of us, God's people gathering to worship him and to be transformed by him and strengthened in faith. We are grateful.

- ◆ **Ceili at Lake House, Tuosist** - in aid of The Motor Neurone Society, on this Sunday at 3pm.
 - ◆ **BINGO** every Thursday night at 8:00pm in Pobal Scoil Inbhear Sceine, Kenmare.
 - ◆ **Citizens Information Mobile Unit** – at SuperValu Car Park on Friday, 31st March, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm.
- SUMMER TIME! Don' Forget... Clocks go forward by 1 hour this weekend.**