

PARISH OF KENMARE Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest

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Sunday, 21st May 2017 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter

Kenmare Pastoral Area: Parishes of Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Glengarriff (Bonane), Sneem & Tuosist

Recent Deaths:

We remember in our prayers **JOE FOLEY**, Graiguecullen, Carlow & late of Incharue, Blackwater and **DENIS (DINNY) O'CONNOR**, 10 Taobh Linn, Railway Rd. and Lacka, Kenmare.

Funeral arrangements for Denis O'Connor. Reposing at Finnegan's Funeral Home on Sunday from 4.30pm with removal at 7pm to Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Requiem Mass on Monday at 11.00a.m - followed by burial in Old Templenoe Cemetery.

May they Rest in Peace.

Direendaragh Church: Mass Sat. 6.30pm. Patrick & Ellen O'Connell. Anniversary

Templeno Church: Mass Sun.10.45am Tim O'Mahony & Mary Elizabeth Sheridan. Anniv.

Holy Cross Church		Mass Intentions this week
Sat	8.00pm	Patricia O'Mahony & Maureen Clifford. Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Denis McCarthy, Inchamore Month's Mind
Sun	12noon	Donie Gaine, Cahir Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Sandra O'Connor, Ardtully, Kilgarvan Month's Mind
Tues	10.00am	Elizabeth 'Lillie' O'Sullivan, Courthouse Bar Anniversary
Wed / Thurs	10.00am	
Fri	10.00am	Dolly Randles, Shelbourne St. Anniversary
Sat	10.00am	

14 May 17	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€52	€ 79	€ 131
Templeno	€ 104	€ 154	€ 258
Kenmare	€ 1,069	€ 1,032	€ 2,101

Church Notices:

- ◆ **Kerry Diocesan Collection 'Education of Priests'** – taken up this weekend 20th / 21st May.
- ◆ **Safeguarding Children Committee** meeting at The Presbytery on Wed 24th May at 11a.m.
- ◆ **Safeguarding Children Committee** – will meet with Sacristans on Friday, 26th May in The Church Lodge at 10.30 a.m.

Kenmare Pastoral Area Celebration.

There will be a celebration for participants who completed the Diocesan Course in Pastoral Ministry, over the past year in Kenmare, in the Brooklane Hotel on Wednesday, 24th May at 7.30pm. Bishop Ray Browne will present certificates to the participants. The night will conclude with light refreshments. All are welcome!

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE

- ◆ **Diocesan Adoration Day:** Led by Fr. Bernard Healy, on Thursday, the 1st June from 9.30am - 4.00pm. Bookings & info call 066 713 4276
- ◆ **Self Care Day:** Practical skills for Stress Management and Emotional Wellness, on Saturday, 3rd June from 9.45am - 4.00pm. Contact: Anna O'Donoghue 087-9447105.

Sunday Funerals in the Diocese of Kerry

From the 1st September 2017, "No funerals (Mass, Liturgy or Burial) will take place on a Sunday in the parishes of the diocese."

- ◆ This applies from Saturday mid-afternoon.
- ◆ Removals to the church can take place on either Saturday or Sunday evening.
- ◆ This change is necessary for many reasons: related to good Liturgy; related to factors in individual parishes; and related to the availability of priests.
- ◆ Parishes are reminded that there be no exceptions to this diocesan regulation.
- ◆ As regards Holy Days of Obligation the rule will apply to Christmas Day and St Patrick's Day. On the other Holy Days of Obligation for flexibility reasons the decision is left to the local parish (while discouraging such funerals for liturgical reasons).
- ◆ I realise many will have reservations about this decision. It has been taken after extensive consultation with laity and clergy throughout the diocese.

Bishop Ray Browne.

Today's Reading:



We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospel (FIRST READING).

Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ (SECOND READING).

To love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives (GOSPEL). Singing is the sound of joyful, thankful people who experience God's kindness (PSALM).

Pope Francis at Fatima Canonization Mass ~ 13 May 2017.

When Jesus ascended to heaven, he brought to the Heavenly Father our humanity, which he assumed in the womb of the Virgin Mary and will never forsake.

Like an anchor, let us fix our hope on that humanity, seated in heaven at the right hand of the Father (cf. Eph 2:6). May this hope guide our lives! It is a hope that sustains us always, to our dying breath.

Confirmed in this hope, we have gathered here to give thanks for the countless graces bestowed over these past hundred years. All of them passed beneath the mantle of light that Our Lady has spread over the four corners of the earth, beginning with this land of Portugal, so rich in hope.

We can take as our examples Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta, whom the Virgin Mary introduced into the immense ocean of God's light and taught to adore him. That was the source of their strength in overcoming opposition and suffering. God's presence became constant in their lives, as is evident from their insistent prayers for sinners and their desire to remain ever near "the hidden Jesus" in the tabernacle.

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A child's prayer to say!

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me and for sending me your Holy Spirit.

Help me to show just how much I love you by doing as you ask.

Help me to follow you and to share your love with everyone I meet.

Amen.