

**PARISH OF KENMARE** Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest

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**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter ... VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

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

**Recent Deaths:**

We remember in our prayers **Christina Holland**, London (*mother of John Holland, Downing's Grove, Dromneavane*) and **Fr. Pat Moore**, Astee, Listowel. **May they Rest in Peace.**

<b>Direendaragh Church:</b> Mass Sat. 6.30pm. Mary O'Connor, Dromlusk. .... Anniversary	
<b>Templeno Church:</b> Mass Sun.10.45am	
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<b>Holy Cross Church</b>	<b>Mass Intentions this week</b>
Sat	8.00pm Jack O'Sullivan, Green Lane ..... 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sun	9.30am Billy Lynch, Scarteen Park ..... Anniversary
Sun	12noon Michael Crowley, Dunkerron ..... Anniversary
Mon	10.00am John, Julia & Nonie Courtenay ..... Anniversary
Tues	10.00am
Wed	10.00am Michael Hallissey, Gortnacurra ..... Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am Vincent & Edna O'Sullivan, Main St. .... Anniversary
Fri	10.00am
Sat	10.00am Kathleen Daly ( <i>nee Kissane</i> ) Charleville & Goulane 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.

30 Apr 17	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 23	€ 21	€ 44
Templeno	€ 93	€ 82	€ 175
Kenmare	€ 1,026	€ 1,175	€ 2,201

**Church Notices:**

Congratulations to the **FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS** from **Cahir N.S.** and **St. John's N.S. Kenmare** who received their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross Church, Kenmare, yesterday.

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**"They are children of God, for so indeed they are - - - in Holy Communion, they now share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God their Father in the midst of the Church" (Baptismal prayer).**

**Contact-Persons for Station Areas:** We lean on you once again to help distribute the boxes of parish envelopes to each home in your Station Area.

**You might come to the Presbytery to collect the boxes for your area on ... Monday (8<sup>th</sup>) between 5.00 - 7.00pm / Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup>) between 2.30 - 5.30pm Friday (12<sup>th</sup>) between 3.00 - 7.30pm**

**MAY: The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*In a special way, every day is Mother's Day when we turn to Mary and deepen our love for Christ. Mary, who held baby Jesus in the manger and who prayed for him at the foot of the cross, shows us the way to her Son.*

**TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY;** "Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord," he adds, "entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love." - Pope Francis. On Good Shepherd Sunday we reflect on the need for vocations.

**If you feel called to the priesthood and would like to find out more, please contact Fr Michael Moynihan 0876551902 or Fr Liam Comer 066 7134131 or [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) for more.**



**Today's Readings:**

The readings this week turn our attention away from the Resurrection accounts and towards the establishment of the Church at Pentecost.

**In the First Reading**, Peter shares the new community's membership requirements. **The Second Reading** reminds us that the suffering and Resurrection of Christ secured for us an eternal shepherd to guard us in all our ways.

Images of Christ, the Shepherd, were popular in the early Church. More important than the images' popularity was the Israelite tradition of God as shepherd. Jesus emphasises the importance of calling the name of each member of his flock. Jesus calls his followers personally; this call transforms them and gives them a place in the community of disciples. These Readings prepare us for Pentecost, when the Church takes on Jesus' mission.

**Are you aware of the NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment) survey on Religious Education in our Primary Schools?**

Religious Education will no longer be a subject in the state recognised Primary Schools Curriculum, under the NCCA's proposal, unless you let your views be known. Is this a move to remove Religious Educations from our schools? This move devalues and challenges the place and status of Religious Education in our schools. Is this what you want for the future generations of children? As a matter of urgency parents, teachers, Boards of Management and interested adults need to engage with the survey before closing date 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**The NCCA survey is available online:** [www.ncca.ie/](http://www.ncca.ie/) Click... \*Curriculum and Assessment \*Early Childhood and Primary Education \*Primary Education \*Primary Developments \*Structure and Time Allocation ...Online Questionnaire. [www.surveymonkey.com/r/83VZ597](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/83VZ597)

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION COMMITTEE** are holding their AGM on Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Mass at 7.30p.m. at the Church of The Resurrection, Killarney followed by refreshments. Also our Annual Retreat takes place in Ardferret Retreat Centre on Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> June 9.30am -3.30pm (*including lunch*). Fr. Bernard Healy will be leading the day with a visit from Bishop Ray Browne. To book your place contact 0874575278.

- ◆ **Laudato Si Group & Biodiversity Awareness** – Kerry Co. Co. are sponsoring 2 sessions in Biodiversity Training. The first free session will be held on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 12noon. Meeting outside Holy Cross Church. All Welcome!
- ◆ **Bus to Knock from Tuosist** – 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Spiritual Director, Fr. John Kerin. Further info & bookings: ☎ Kitty McCarthy 087-9492710 or Maura Landers 086-3988387
- ◆ **Carnegie Arts Centre:** Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> May. Film: 'Sully' starring Tom Hanks. Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May. 'An Irish Heart' – The Show by Grace Foley. Grace has strong family connections with Kenmare and is a singer with a background in performance. She will be joined by Niamh O Raw (violin) Jayme Linehan (piano) and Conor Linehan (guitar).
- ◆ **Family Resource Centre:** Crafts for children & adults. Drama for children & teens. Contact the centre on 064 6642790 / 087 7086641 for full details.