

PARISH OF KENMARE Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest

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Sunday, 16th July 2017 ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We remember all who have died and all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May they Rest in Peace!

Direendaragh: Sat: 6.30pm. Timothy & Eileen O’Sullivan and Tom, Michael & Danny O’Sullivan Anniversaries.		
Templenoë: Sun.10.45am Patrick & Margaret Noonan & family Anniversary		
Holy Cross Church		Mass Intentions this week
Sat	8.00pm	Mary, Dan & Sheila O’Connor Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	The People’s Mass
Sun	12noon	Jeremiah ‘Bob’ O’Shea, Gortlahard Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	
Tues	10.00am	Michael Lynch, Kilpatrick 1 st Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Michael & Peggy Shanny, Borrisokane & Bonane. Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	Mike Moriarty, Rock Street. Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Richard & Margaret Maybury, Tubrid Anniversary
Sat	10.00am	John Harrington, Killowen 1 st Anniversary

Holy Cross Church		
Confessions	Every Saturday: 12noon – 1pm
Eucharistic Adoration	Mon, Tues: 8am-9pm Fri: 8-10am
Christ the King Prayer Group	(in the Church Lodge)	Wednesday: 7.30 – 9pm
Holy Hour	Sunday: 7pm – 8pm

9 July 2017	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€39	€ 36	€ 75
Templenoë	€ 80	€ 99	€ 179
Kenmare	€ 1,216	€ 1,610	€ 2,826

Trócaire Emergency Appeal... Church Collection on the 22nd-23rd July for work in Eastern Africa.

Trócaire is currently responding to prolonged drought which has led to severe food shortages across East Africa; over 24 million people across East Africa are struggling to survive a devastating hunger crisis. With your support Trócaire will continue to reach tens of thousands of people each month with emergency food aid in South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. Go to www.trocaire.org/east-africa.

OLD KENMARE GRAVEYARD MASS.

The Annual Mass will be celebrated on Thursday next 20th July, at 8pm. This year is the 170th Anniversary of ‘Black 47’ the worst year of the Great Famine in Ireland, 1845-1849.

A memorial wall, enclosing the Family Plot, will be blessed at the Mass.

Today’s Readings:



1st Reading: God’s word is like rain on the parched earth, and like seed to the sower. **Psalm:** If you enjoy the flocks and the harvest, praise the God behind it all. **2nd Reading:** Like the children of God, the rest of creation awaits the glory to come. **Gospel:** Jesus tells a parable about a peculiar sower, and a marvellous yield.

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What’s in your heart?

- Does today’s parable engage my faith world?
- At my worst, what kind of ‘soil’ am I likely to be: rocky, thorny, hard-worn?
- In what areas of my life am I likely to “look but not see” and “hear but not understand”?

Parishes Change Priest this week.

Each parish has its own character, its own history, social dynamic, feelings and anxieties and is unique. Most want a ‘spiritual leader’, one who will enable willing and suitable people to ‘grow’ the parish.

In losing a priest or a change of priest this week, many parishes are experiencing the ‘thud of change’. May it be a new ‘dawn’ for them. Spare a thought and prayer for the priests involved in saying either ‘hello’ or ‘goodbye’. May they enjoy the grace of spiritual leadership. Also, spare a special thought and prayer for those retiring from full-time pastoral ministry this week.

A Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns

as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

The Church needs faithful shepherds to teach and build up the unity of the church.



Called to be a priest?

Contact Vocation Directors,

Fr. Michael Moynihan

087 655 1902

Fr. Liam Comer

087 240 1246

Community Notes:

♦ **St. Mary of the Angels, Beaufort & St John of God Kerry Services** are hosting a Golf Classic. Ladies & Gents Prizes on Friday 11th August in O’ Mahonys Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Your support would be greatly appreciated.. Please contact Helen 087 1338702

♦ **Ardfert Retreat Centre: Growing Old Gracefully:** Welcome to a Guided Participative Experience facilitated by: John Dunne & Kathy Cunningham. Friday 28th to Sunday 30th July. Contact 0667134276.

♦ **Enrich your Faith:** Foyer of Light, Charity and Love. Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne, Aug 7th-13th. Contact Helen 0861678027.

♦ **Carnegie Arts Centre** ... look-up www.carnegieartskenmare.ie for Summer Programme.

Holiday-makers - - - we pray for all who are on holidays at this time.

May you return home safely and refreshed.