

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

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**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017 ~ 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Recent Deaths:**

We remember in our prayers **Sean Kelly**, Dromore, Cahersalee, Tralee, and **Kay Lazelle**, (nee Godfrey) Bedfordshire, U.K. and late of Bantry, who died during the week. **May they Rest in Peace.**

<b>Direendaragh Church:</b>		Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June. Mass at 6.30pm
<b>Templenoe Church:</b>		Sun.10.45am John Rice, Bernie Crowley & family ..... Anniversary
<b>Holy Cross Church</b>		<b>Mass Intentions this week</b>
Sat	8.00pm	Denis Kidney, Dromneavane ..... Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Carmel O'Connor, New York & Bonane ..... "
Sun	12noon	Packie & Margaret Hanley, Henry St. .... "
Mon	10.00am	
Tues	10.00am	Bernard 'Bernie' O'Connor & family, Tubrid ..... Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Michael & Nancy Price, Cahir ..... "
Thurs/ Fri	10.00am	
Sat	10.00am	John & Minnie Crowley, Shelbourne St. .... Anniversary

**Confessions ..... Every Saturday: 12noon to 1pm**

<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>Christ the King Prayer Group.</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>
<b>Monday/Tuesday:</b> 8am-9pm <b>Friday:</b> 8am – 10am	<b>Wed:</b> 7.30pm to 9pm (in Church Lodge)	<b>Sun:</b> 7pm – 8pm

18 <sup>th</sup> June	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 43	€ 37	<b>€ 80</b>
Templenoe	€ 83	€ 111	<b>€ 194</b>
Kenmare	€ 1,107	€ 1,309	<b>€ 2,326</b>

**Church Notices:**

- ◆ **Kerry Diocesan Collection ' Sick & Retired Priests ' –** taken up next weekend 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- ◆ **Visit of Relic of St. Teresa of Calcutta –** to Holy Cross Church, Kenmare on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am – 12.30pm.
- ◆ **The Maryland State Boychoir will present a Concert at Holy Cross Church, Kenmare, on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.** They will perform a diverse programme of Gospel Songs and inspiring spirituals. The evening will be free of charge; there will be an opportunity to make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul.
- ◆ **All-Ireland Rally for Life –** takes place next Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, leaving from Parnell Square, Dublin at 2pm, preceded by a special Mass at St. Saviours Church, Dominic Street at 12.30. There is a bus from Tralee to the Rally. To book a seat ☎ 087 6590551.
- ◆ **Course in Youth Ministry 2017-2018 –** commences on Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 8pm in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Tralee. The course is aimed at adults over 21 years who may be interested in working and journeying with young people in a parish, school, youth service or other setting. ☎ Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie for more details.

**Corpus Christi Procession on 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

Many thanks, to all who helped with and participated in the Procession last Sunday. It was a beautiful celebration of faith and display of devotion to 'The Real Presence'. A special 'thank you' to the Choir, Servers, Stewards, Canopy-bearers, Gardai, the boys and girls who received their **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** in **MAY** together with their Parents and Teachers.

We are also indebted to those who put up the flags and buntings and all the householders along the procession-route who honoured this special event in the life of the Catholic Community.

**Today's Readings:**



Jesus asks us to be his witnesses in the world. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** The knowledge that God was with him enabled Jeremiah to remain faithful to his difficult task as a prophet. **Psalms:** The friend of the Lord is shamed and cast-out but cannot be lost. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** The sin of the world infects us all, but the gift of Christ is greater still. **Gospel:** Those who can crush our souls are the only ones we must fear.

**Pope Francis on following Christ ...**

Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions but from having encountered a Person, Jesus, in our midst; it is born from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable – and there are so many of them! (March 24<sup>th</sup>).

"Following and accompanying Christ, staying with him, demands 'coming out of ourselves' - - - out of a dreary way of living faith that has become a habit, out of the temptation to withdraw into our own plans which end by shutting out God's creative action." (March 27<sup>th</sup>).

"Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, of our Advocate." (April 17<sup>th</sup>).

**Kenmare is Ireland's Best Kept Small Town 2017**

Warmest congratulations to Kenmare Tidy Towns Committee on winning the all-island competition to find Ireland's best kept town. Minister for Rural & Community Affairs, Michael Ring, presented the award on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, to a delegation from Kenmare at Farmleigh House, Dublin.

The competition, which spans the 32 counties, is the latest in a long list of accolades for Kenmare's Tidy Towns Committee.

Towns were judged on criteria such as cleanliness, the outward appearance of buildings, the presentation of roads and public facilities and the natural environment.

Well done to the Committee and all the helpers for their civic spirit and continuing service to the community.

- ◆ **Darkness into Light Walk:** A big 'Thank You' to all who supported the 'Darkness into Light' Walk on the 6<sup>th</sup> May last. A massive total of €11,252.56 was raised for this worthy cause. Well done all!
- ◆ **Kenmare Family Resource Centre** will be running a 'Managing Emotions' group in Sept 2017. This is a skills based program equipping people with strategies to better manage their emotions. Sign up now for early Sept start. Contact 064 6642790