

PARISH OF KENMARE Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest
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Sunday, 3rd September 2017 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Deaths: We remember in our prayers **JILLES FERMATT**, Valley View, Dromatouk, Kenmare & **TADGH O’CONNOR**, Scarteen Park, Kenmare, who died during the week.
 MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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| Direendaragh: Sat: 6.30pm. Patrick & Dan O’Connell, Gortacloughane. Anniversary | |
| Templeno: Sun. 10.45am. Brian Tighe (Anniversary) & Mary Tighe (Month’s Mind) | |
| Holy Cross Church | |
| Mass Intentions this week | |
| Sat | 8.00pm Eileen O’Sullivan, Direen 1 st Anniversary |
| Sun | 9.30am John Gaine, Corrig Anniversary |
| Sun | 12noon The Murphy Family, Gortlahard ” |
| Mon | 10.00am Jerry O’Neill, Ballygriffin. Month’s Mind |
| Tues | 10.00am Nora Keane Anniversary |
| Wed | 10.00am Hannah Smyth, Cleady ” |
| Thurs | 10.00am Noel Tangney, Bonane Anniversary |
| Fri | 10.00am Doug Sutton, Milton Keyes, U.K & Kenmare 1 st Anniversary |
| Sat | 10.00am Dolly McCarthy, 22 Main St. Anniversary |
| CONFESSIONS on SATURDAY, 12noon to 1.00pm | |

Holy Cross Church
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mon & Tues: 8am– 9pm & Fri 8-10am
 Christ Our King Prayer Group (*the Church Lodge*) Wednesday: 7.30pm – 9.00pm
 Holy Hour Sunday: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

| 27 Aug 2017 | Offertory | Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes | Total |
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| Direendaragh | € 43 | € 126 | €169 |
| Templeno | € 74 | € 101 | € 175 |
| Kenmare | € 1,030 | € 816 | € 1,916 |

Church Notices:
 ♦ **KERRY DIOCESAN COLLECTION ‘Diocesan Needs’** - taken up this weekend 2nd/3rd Sept.
 ♦ **‘COMMUNION CALLS’:** Fr. Crean will do ‘Communion Calls’ next Friday, 8th Sept.,

Annual Parish Pilgrimage
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 This year’s walk will take place on Saturday, September 9th. Leaving the church at 1.00 p.m. Join us from the church ground or join in along the route. We will visit sites that tell the story of Christianity in our parish.
Route: Killowen, Poll an Aifrinn, Holy Cross Cemetery, Old Kenmare Graveyard, St Finian’s Well and Our Lady’s Well. 4 hours about 10 km.

Tuesday, 5th September, is the Feast day of Teresa of Calcutta, Patron of World Youth Day.

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Friday, 8th September, the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We celebrate the Birthday of Mary, who brought the dawn of hope and salvation to the world. She is the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator.

| The Deep End ● Selfless Love | | |
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| It can be difficult to understand why anyone would willingly place a burden on themselves. We are bombarded daily with promises of a better, easier life. Magazines and lifestyle gurus offer us a better work-life balance. New gadgets pledge to remove obstacles or irritations and make our lives less stressful. It’s all a bit of a contrast to the message of today’s gospel, where Jesus says that his followers must take up their cross. Why would we deliberately suffer, or take on a burden? Surely we should aim to make our lives as easy as possible! | Yet, we see self-sacrifice all the time. Parents make sacrifices for their children, and many people tend lovingly to elderly parents or relatives. Friends give up their time to listen and support each other. Teachers go the extra mile for a vulnerable child, and nurses, doctors, and care workers often go beyond the call of duty. Countless people give up their time and resources to help those in need, whether it’s raising funds for charities or offering practical support to those who are sick, homeless, or struggling. And it’s all done out of love. | When Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to suffer grievously and be put to death, they naturally react with shock, as it seems like a strange path to choose. But he is not doing it simply to make life difficult for himself. His sacrifice stems from his passionate love for us, just as we would sacrifice everything for someone we love dearly. Being a follower of Jesus means being prepared to sometimes put others’ needs before our own. Triona Doherty INTERCOM / Sept 2017. |

- Community Notes:**
- **The Irish Blood Transfusion Service** – wish to thank the 125 Donors who turned up last Thursday in Pobalscoil Inbhear Sceine to donate blood. They are very grateful for your support.
 - **National Learning Network Tralee** – are currently recruiting participants for their QQ1 Level 5 Sport Recreation and Exercise course. The course is free to individuals who are out of work due to illness, injury, those who have experienced a personal setback or early school leavers. Training and accommodation allowance provided. More info. ☎066 7122533/086 0404270.
 - **Caring about a Small Blue Planet – an Introduction to Earth Awareness.** Open Course Sept/Oct 2017. 6 Monday evenings & 1 Saturday Morning, commencing 18th Sept., in Unit 4, Central Point, Park Rd. Killarney. Course Fee: FREE, but prior booking & commitment essential. ☎ Deirdre O’Sullivan 087-7728089 / email: infor@socialandhealth.com.

Meeting for Returned Lay Missionaries & Volunteers:
 Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, 13th Sept., at 7.30 p.m. in the John Paul 11 Pastoral Centre, Rock Rd. Killarney. Telephone 083 8422468 to confirm attendance.