

“**You Shall Be My Witnesses**” is the name of the parish-based programme for the preparation of the sacrament of CONFIRMATION. **The Enrolment Ceremony**, for the boys & girls, takes place this Sunday morning at the 9.30 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Church (*Confirmation Day will be on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018*)



**Recent Death:** We remember in our prayers **EUGENE CASEY**, Killowen, Kenmare. Reposing at O’Connor’s Funeral Home, Sunday from 5-7pm followed by removal to Holy Cross Church. Requiem Mass on Monday, at 11am with burial afterwards in Old Kenmare Cemetery.

**May he Rest in Peace!**

**Direendaragh: Sat: Mass at 6.30pm.** The People’s Mass  
**Templenoe: Sun: Mass at 10.45am** **Bernie Crowley, Dunkerron. .... Anniversary**

<i>Holy Cross Church</i>		<i>Mass Intentions this week</i>	
Sat	8.00pm	Donal & Margaret O’Sullivan, Tara Farm, Tubrid.	Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Joan & Tim Creedon, Dunkerron .....	”
Sun	12noon	The People’s Mass	
Mon	10.00am	Hannah, Jeremiah & Geraldine Lynch, Scarteen Pk.	Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Mary O’Sullivan, Scarteen Park. ....	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Wed	10.00am		
Thurs	10.00am	Special Intention	
Fri	10.00am		
Sat	10.00am	Pamela Baker, Dromneavane .....	Anniversary
<b>CONFESSIONS ..... on SATURDAY, 12noon to 1.00pm</b>			

<i>8<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Direendaragh</b>	€23	€ 35	<b>€ 58</b>
<b>Templenoe</b>	€ 45	€ 53	<b>€ 98</b>
<b>Kenmare</b>	€ 1,075	€ 987	<b>€ 2,062</b>

**Church Notices**

- **KERRY DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY TAKES PLACE TODAY AT THE BRANDON HOTEL, TRALEE.** It will explore the importance of family in the parish community and provide resources for parishes. Among those attending will be members of the Parish Pastoral Councils and Liturgy Groups.
- **REASONS TO BELIEVE: THE WITNESS OF MIRACLES.** 4 DVD’s presented by the Café Credo Group on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30pm – 9pm in the Church Lodge.
- **READ CATHOLIC BOOKS ON YOUR EREADER, SMARTPHONE OR TABLET!** Check out website [www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks](http://www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks) to explore the ebook collection.
- **Archbishop Kieran O’Reilly** will speak on his experiences as a missionary in Africa and at home, inviting us all to “**Reach out and Spread the Joy**” on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Rose Hotel, Tralee, starting at 8pm. The event is being hosted by the Diocese of Kerry in celebration of **WORLD MISSION DAY**. Admission is free and all are welcome!

***‘You Shall be My Witnesses’ Programme for Confirmation***

offers parents and members of the parish the opportunity to share their faith with the Confirmation candidates and hopefully create a space where all can learn from each other.

It creates a space outside the classroom where children can talk about, learn about and experience their faith; it helps to bring the flame of Jesus’ love, even if it is a small one, to the hearts of children, and through the children to their parents.

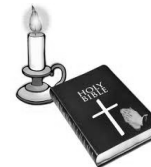
As we begin the work of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation today, may the love of God our Creator support us. May the light of Christ guide us and may the Holy Spirit strengthen us.

**YOUCAT Confirmation Book:** YOUCAT is a little book for a young person preparing for their Confirmation. In it they’ll find many tips for leading an exciting life with God, and will also find pointers to two important books that will help them, one of them being the Bible.

*Find here details of Bibles that are attractive and user-friendly for the family home.*

- ♦ **The Catholic Children’s Bible & The Catholic Youth Bible.** Published by St. Mary’s Press.
- ♦ **YOUCAT Confirmation Book** – published by the Catholic Truth Society / Ignatius Press.

***Today’s Scripture Reading:***



**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** A grateful abundance awaits those who trusted in God to save them. **PSALM:** ... Follow the Shepherd who leads us safely on the path of life. **2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Paul thanks his flock in Philippi for their support but says that his real strength comes from the Lord. **GOSPEL:** ... Isaiah’s promise is fulfilled in Jesus: through Him all God’s people are invited to the banquet feast of the Kingdom.

**HOW TO CHAT WITH POPE FRANCIS:**

The material for World Mission Sunday (next Sunday) encourage a fresh mentality about MISSION and give us portraits of today’s missionaries inspired by the words of our chief missionary, Pope Francis. Here are three easy steps to begin this special moment of encounter with the Pope’s missions – to “chat with Pope Francis”!

- Open the Facebook Messenger app on your mobile phone.
- Go to the contact tab at the bottom (next to the home icon) and select “scan code.”
- Scan the code (at right) to chat with the pope about his missions for World Mission Sunday (October 22) and throughout the year!

And once you’ve started the conversation, invite a friend to join also! For more information visit [ChatWithThePope.org](http://ChatWithThePope.org).

**COMMUNITY NOTES:**

- **Whist Drive at Taobh Linn** – on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, at 8pm. All Welcome!
- **Kenmare Tidy Towns:** Mapping Biodiversity hotspots in Kenmare. ‘Walk and Talk’ on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 11am. Meet at the Old Boys School, Shelbourne Street. Everyone Welcome!
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society (Kenmare).** A special word of thanks to the Maryland Choir USA who performed in Holy Cross Church last June. Proceeds of collection received - €515.90 – was much appreciated. The SVP church-gate collection on Aug 20<sup>th</sup> amounted to €957. Many thanks to those who contributed to the collection.
- **Templenoe Community Centre:** The A.G.M. of the Templenoe Community Centre will take place on Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> October in The Hall at 8pm. New members are welcome!