

PARISH OF KENMARE

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Sunday, 3rd December 2017 - 1st Sunday of Advent

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time. **May they Rest in Peace.**

Direendaragh: Sat:6.30pm. Mass for the Holy Souls / **7th Dec.** Thurs. Vigil Mass at 6.30pm

Templenoe: Sun: Mass at 10.45am. **Monica O’Sullivan, Lower Reen** 1st Anniversary

8th December: Fri. Mass at 10.45am. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare

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| Sat | 8.00pm | Martin & Cissie Crushell, Henry St. Anniversary |
| Sun | 9.30am | Connie & Jerry McCarthy, 22 Main St. ” |
| Sun | 12noon | Tim Murphy, formerly of Scarteen Park Anniversary |
| Mon | 10.00am | Ellen O’Sullivan, Dromcahan ” |
| Tues | 10.00am | Sr. Eileen Randles Anniversary |
| Wed | 10.00am | |
| Thurs | 10.00am | Danny Moriarty, Gortamullen Anniversary |
| Thurs | 8.00pm | Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of BVM |
| Fri | 9.30am | Lil Murphy, 4 Henry Street Anniversary |
| 8th Dec. | 12noon | Feast of the Immaculate Conception of BVM |
| Sat | 10.00am | Jim O’Driscoll, Dromneavane & Classis, Ovens, Co Cork. Anniversary |

CONFESSIONS on SATURDAY 12noon – 1.00pm

| 26 Nov 17 | Offertory | Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes | Total |
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| Direendaragh | €63 | € 43 | € |
| Templenoe | € 67 | € 57 | € 124 |
| Kenmare | € 817 | € 888 | € 1,705 |

Church Notices



- **Kerry Diocesan Collection ‘Diocesan Youth Service’** – taken up this w/e 2nd/3rd December.
- **Liturgy Group** – meeting on Monday, 4th December at 8pm in the Presbytery.
- **Parish Pastoral Group** – meeting on Wednesday, 6th Dec at 8pm in the Presbytery.
- **Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat:** 8th – 10th Dec. at Newbridge College, Kildare. Retreat starts with registration of Friday evening. Free buses available. More info... www.youth2000.ie
- **‘Kerry Right To Life’:** The official launch of the group **‘Kerry Right To Life’** will take place on Tuesday, 12th December, at 7.30pm in The Rose Hotel, Tralee. Guest speaker Katie Ascough (former UCD Student Union President) who is pro-life. We encourage everyone who wishes to uphold the right to life of the mother and her unborn child to attend.
- **Pioneer Pledge for Advent** – take the Short-Term Pledge for the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. ☎ Local Rep 064 6682086 or online www.pioneerassociation.ie.
- **Tommy Fleming Concert, The Friary Church, Killarney,** Thursday, 14th Dec at 8pm. Tickets available at the Friary Office or on-line www.tommyfleming.com
- **Liam Lawton Concert, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Killarney,** Sun. 19th December, at 7pm. Tickets... see poster on notice-board.

ADVENT

is the season in which we prepare for the great celebration of Jesus’ birth at Christmas. During these 4 weeks, we’re invited to contemplate the richness of God’s gift to us in Christ.

ADVENT ...

is a four-week liturgical season that opens the Church’s year.

It nudges us to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First coming to us is remembered and to direct our minds and hearts to await Christ’s Second coming at the end of time.

ADVENT WREATH

The circle represents eternity, time without end; the evergreens stand for eternal life. The candles remind us of Christ, ‘the light of the world’.

Three candles are purple (reminders of the spirit of penance), the pink candle is for joy (3rd Sunday). An additional candle is lit each Sunday of Advent as the celebration of Christ’s coming draws near. The white candle is lit at Christmas.

Today’s Scriptures Readings.



1st Reading: The prophet recalls God’s past goodness to his people, and pleads with Him to save them from their present sinfulness.

Psalm: Divine power is needed to turn a wayward people to their saving God.

2nd Reading: We lack no spiritual gift as we wait the coming of Christ in glory.

Gospel: We need to stay awake at our appointed tasks, because we do not know the hour when the Jesus, our Master, will return.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ... Friday, 8th Decemember ~ Holyday of Obligation ...

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Thursday, Vigil Mass at 8pm / Friday, Masses at 9.30 & 12 noon.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 8am to 9.30am

| DIREENDARRAGH | TEMPLENOE |
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| Thursday, 7 th Dec. Mass at 6.30pm | Friday, 8 th Dec. Mass at 10.45am |

Community Notes:

- **Sneem Resource Centre** – Christmas Craft Fair this Sunday, at the Sneem Hotel.
- **Carnegie Players:** Auditions for our new play ‘Semi-Private’ by Mary Halpin, will take place next Tuesday, 5th December, at 7.30pm in the Carnegie. Performance in February 2018.
- **Adult Ed. Centre:** Creative Writing & Writing Skills starts in Jan ’18. ☎ 086-8279248.
- **SVP Annual Christmas Appeal** – next weekend 9th & 10th Dec. We wish to thank everyone for your kind support throughout the year.
- **Spina Bifida** – collection on the 18th/19th Nov amounted to €1,280 ... much appreciated!
- **Congratulations to Saint John of God Kerry Services** who are celebrating over 3 decades of providing support to men, women and children with intellectual disabilities across the county.
- **Kenmare Community Care** – church-gate collection for Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party on 16th & 17th December.
- **Kenmare FRC** is offering Christmas cooking & arts & crafts workshops for adults & children in the run up to Christmas. Kenmare FRC Christmas party, Tues. 19th Dec, 10 – 12noon.
- **Easter Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo** – 2 April for 4 nights. See notice-board poster.