

PARISH OF KENMARE

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Sunday, 10th December 2017 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Recent Deaths:

Sr. deSales Butler Clonmel & late of Portmagee, (*sister of Maeve O'Sullivan*).

Breda O'Sullivan (nee O'Donoghue) late of 24 Henry St. Kenmare, Tralee & Paris, Burial of Ashes will take place in Tralee at a later date. **Patricia Daly**, London & Kenmare.

Daniel Francis Falvey, New York and late of Rossacussane.

May they Rest in Peace!

Direendaragh: Sat:6.30pm. **Kathleen O'Connor** Anniversary
Templenoe: Sun: Mass at 10.45am. **Annie, John & Dan Sullivan** Anniversary

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare

Sat	8.00pm	Dan & Eileen Cronin, Dromcahan Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Dan Joe O'Sullivan, Coolnacoppogue & Killowen, 1 st Anniversary and Kathleen & Margaret O'Sullivan, Bonane.
Sun	12noon	Hilda Fennell, Islandmore, Bell Height, Kenmare Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	
Tues	10.00am	Mary Snee, Birningham Died Recently
Wed	10.00am	
Thurs	10.00am	Kathy (Catherine) Donoghue, Mucksna, Kenmare Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Derry Downing, Gortrooskagh, Kenmare. 30 th Anniversary
Sat	10.00am	Mary & Matilda Donovan Anniversary.

CONFESSIONS on SATURDAY 12noon – 1.00pm

3 rd Dec 17	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 51	€ 68	€ 119
Templenoe	€ 75	€228	€ 303
Kenmare	€ 639	€ 1,289	€ 1,928

Church Notices

- **WMOF Parish Group meeting** – on Monday, 11th December, at 8pm in the Presbytery.
- **Confessions - St. John's N.S.** in Holy Cross Church, on Tuesday, 12th December at 11.30am.
- **'Do This in Memory' Co-ordinating Group** - meet in The Lodge, Tues 12th Dec. at 7.00pm. 'Do This in Memory' Mass next Sunday (17th Dec) at 9.30am in Holy Cross Church.
- **St. John N.S. Senior Christmas Pageant:** at Holy Cross Church, Wednesday, 13th at 1pm.
- **The Travelling Crib:** Continuing blessings on the families in the Templenoe/Direendarragh areas and Kenmare area who are participating in the Travelling Crib Advent project.

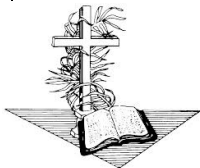
Today's Scripture Readings:

THE FIRST READING: Is a message of hope and consolation to the exiles in Babylon; God is about to come to their aid and will lead them back to their own land.

PSALM: Is a beautiful expression of our longing for God.

SECOND READING: Is about the second coming. The delay is to give everybody an opportunity to be ready to meet the Lord.

GOSPEL: John the Baptist urges people to 'Prepare a way for the Lord'.



The **ADVENT WREATH** is a tradition we use as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Christ is 'the light that came into the world' to dispel the darkness of sin and to radiate the truth and love of God (Jn 3 : 19-21).



- The wreath is a circle – there is no beginning or end. We are reminded that God is eternal and that life without end is found in Christ.
- The evergreens signify continuous life.
- Holly has a special symbolism – the prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns.
- The three purple and one pink candle signify the light of faith in the world, as wait in hope and prepare to welcome the light of the World.
- The purple candles symbolise the prayer, penance and sacrifices and good works we undertake at this time.

World Meeting of Families (WMOF) 22nd – 26th August 2018.

National and local preparations for the event are afoot. If you wish to ensure a place at all of the main WMOF 2018 events, including the Festival of Families on Saturday, 25th August and The Final Mass on Sunday, 26th August, both of which will be presided over the Holy Father, if as expected, his presence at the event is confirmed.

Register on-line at www.worldmeeting2018.ie



Locally, we are grateful to the Parish WMOF Committee who is planning activities for the coming weeks and months.

We are taking our cue from Pope Francis' wish that as many people as possible hear about "The Joy of Love" his Pastoral Letter. He encourages us to be creative in how we engage people with the Gospel message.

- "The Joy of Love: Six-Session Parish Conversation" is just such a programme that we hope to do here in the parish in February – March.
- There are also practical activities that we'll do in the parish in the coming weeks that will help us engage with the key messages in the 'The Joy of Love'.



- **Whist Drive at Dauros Community Centre** – this Sunday, 10th Dec at 8pm.
- **Christmas Whist Drive at Taobh Linn** – Wednesday, 13th Dec at 8pm. All Welcome!
- **Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner** at Templenoe Community Centre on Friday, 15th December. All welcome from 11.30am.
- **Kenmare Community Care** – church-gate collection for Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party on 16th & 17th December.
- 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 with guest speaker Katie Ascough.

"Towards Peace" is a spiritual support service specifically dedicated to survivors of abuse. The vision of 'Towards Peace' is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, *Towards Peace* is here for you: www.towardspeace.ie / 01 505 3028.