

Recent Deaths: We remember in our prayers **Teresa Murphy (nee Simcox)** Cahir West, Kenmare & **Patrick 'Paddy' Connolly**, Drombane, Dromoughty, Kenmare.

May they Rest in Peace!

Direendaragh: Sat:6.30pm. **Mary Egan**, Ballyspillane, Killarney & Blackwater... 1st Anniv.

Templenoe: Sun: Mass at 10.45am. **Andrew Moriarty** Month's Mind

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare

Sat	8.00pm	Patrick Delaney, Tullig Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Norah McCarthy, Dromneavane "
Sun	12noon	John, Nora & Paudie Finnegan Anniversary
* Mon *	8.30am	Sandra Keane "
Tues	10.00am	Sheila & Frank O'Sullivan, Cappanacush West Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Denis O'Sullivan "
Thurs	10.00am	Thady O'Connor, Scarteen Park 30 th Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Connie McCarthy, 22 Main St. Anniversary
Sat	10.00am	James Riney, Killowen 1 st Anniversary

CONFESSIONS on SATURDAY 23rd December 11am – 4pm

10 th December	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 92	€ 63	€ 155
Templenoe	€ 105	€ 59	€ 164
Kenmare	€ 851	€ 940	€ 1791

Church Notices

- **'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME'** Liturgy for boys & girls preparing for First Holy Communion (2018) takes place in Holy Cross Church this Sunday morning at the 9.30am Mass.
- **Monday, 18th December:** Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am (**no 10am Mass**). Change of time is to facilitate **'Confessions'** for Pobalscoil Students.
- **'Life in the Spirit' Prayer Group:** in Holy Cross Church Lodge on Mon 18th Dec at 7.30pm.
- **St. John N.S. Junior Christmas Pageant** - will take place in Holy Cross Church, on Wednesday, 20th December at 12.45hrs.
- **Kenmare Parish FACEBOOK Page ... is now active!** Please visit and **"Like"** our page for updates on parish and seasonal events.

Today's Scripture Readings:

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah declares that he has been sent by God to usher in the age of salvation. Jesus used this prophecy to announce his own ministry.
PSALM: The Almighty has done great things: reversing injustice and fulfilling the promise of mercy. **SECOND READING:** St. Paul tells the Thessalonians how they ought to live as they await the second coming of Christ. **GOSPEL:**

John the Baptist declares he is not the Saviour, that He comes to prepare the way for the Saviour who is already among the people, though they do not recognise him.



Christmas Confessions ~ Holy Cross Church

Monday, 18th December 7.30pm

Saturday, 23rd December 12noon to 4pm

Confession - - - does not simply remove stains from one's conscience - - it is more than just making some kind of 'bank-transaction'.

If you are not aware of being forgiven, you will never be able to forgive, never. There is always that attitude of wanting to take others to task. Forgiveness is total. But it can only be done when I feel my sin, when I am ashamed and ask forgiveness of God and feel forgiven by the Father so I can forgive.

It is a great grace! To be ashamed of our own sins and thus receive forgiveness and the grace of generosity to give to others because if the Lord has forgiven me so much, who am I to not forgive, says Pope Francis on the ungrateful servant in Jesus' parable.



World Meeting of Families 2018; Dublin 22-26 August.

Pope Francis has chosen Ireland to host the 9th World Meeting of Families in 2018. This 'World Meeting', held every three years is the largest universal gathering of Catholic families from all over the world. It meets to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the importance of marriage and family as the cornerstone of our lives.

The event has at its heart three main moments:

- Three-Day Congress (22 – 24th August) - a joyful reflective programme of workshops, talks and discussions that includes programmes for young people and children.
- Festival of Families (25th August) – a special concert style event.
- Solemn Eucharistic Celebration on 26th August – www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

The Parish World Meeting of Families (WMOF) Committee is planning a few practical activities for the coming weeks:

Copies of the WMOF Icon of the Holy Family will be distributed at Christmas Masses.

The Icon includes the WMOF Prayer (see a large copy of it in the church). Because Christmas is about families coming together and Pope Francis encourages that 'every family should look at the Icon of the Holy Family', each family is invited to gather around the Icon of the Holy Family in their own home on Christmas Day and pray the prayer together.

Family New Year's Resolution:

On the Feast of the Holy Family, a simple family new year's resolution sheet will be available (to pick up or download – www.amoris.ie) to enable you to identify New Year's resolutions you might make as a family. Pray the prayer together, sign the resolution sheet and display it in your home.

POPE FRANCIS makes a few suggestions on how you might care for each other in family e.g., live according to the words 'PLEASE', 'THANK YOU', and 'I'M SORRY'.



Christmas Whist Drive at Templenoe Community Centre on Thursday, 21st December at 8.00pm. All Welcome!.

