

*We remember all who have died and all whose anniversary occurs at this time.
May the Rest in Peace!*

Direendaragh: Sat:6.30pm. Annie O’Sullivan, Coom & Gortbrack 26th Anniversary

Templenoe: Sun: Mass at 10.45am. John & Sarah Moriarty & family..... Anniversary

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare

Sat	8.00pm	Paddy & May O’Sullivan, Shrubbery Avenue Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Joan Jones, Coachman’s Henry St. & Kilmurry Month’s Mind
Sun	12noon	Joe O’Shea, Letter, Moll’s Gap 1 st Anniversary

Christmas Eve / Day Mass Schedule

Tues	26 th Dec	<i>No Mass will be celebrated on the feast of St. Stephen</i>
Wed	10.00am	Con Crowley, Henry St. Kenmare Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	Eilis Gallivan, Killarney Rd. & Derrylough, Tuosist Month’s Mind
Fri	10.00am	Anne Cronin, Clarendon House, Kenmare Month’s Mind
Sat	10.00am	Edward O’Sullivan, Courthouse Bar, The Square Anniversary

CONFESSIONS on SATURDAY 12noon – 1pm.

17 th Dec 17	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 36	€ 44	€ 80
Templenoe	€ 77	€ 72	€ 149
Kenmare	€ 732	€ 1214	€ 1,946

Today’s Scripture Readings:

THE FIRST READING: David wants to build a house for God. But instead God promises to build an everlasting dynasty for him.

PSALM: God’s promises hold forever, firm and sure as a rock foundation.

SECOND READING: God’s plan of salvation for Jesus and Gentiles has come to fulfilment in Christ.

GOSPEL: Mary herself becomes the ark of God’s new and everlasting covenant.



Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday, 24th December

Templenoe 6.30 p.m.

Kenmare.....10.00 p.m.

(Carols at 9.30pm)



Christmas Day Mass Times

Monday, 25th December

Kenmare 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon

Direendaragh 9.30 a.m.

Templenoe 10.45 a.m.

Priests’ Dues: ‘Christmas Offering’. The Christmas Collection/Dues for the support of the priests will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We are grateful to all who have contributed already via ‘Dues Envelopes’. This collection is an opportunity to anyone who has been unable to do so, to make a donation.

Prayer for Christmas Eve

*Bring us fresh to Christmas, Fat her,
take the scales of habit from our eyes,
the crust of disappointment from our hearts,
the pall of anxiety from our minds,
the lead of routine from our feet.
Lead us in childlike wonder to the Child.
Kindle in us gratitude, enthusiasm, excitement.
Make us part of a very joyful noise,
And forgive us for ever forgetting what Christmas
means every day, all the time. Amen.*



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 Kenmare 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 all 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.

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’.

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.

**FAITH makes things possible,
HOPE makes things work,
LOVE makes things beautiful,
May you have all three this Christmas.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS 2017.



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