



**The PLEDGE of Abstinence from Alcohol & Drugs:** Many of our young parishioners, who will be confirmed on the 27<sup>th</sup> February will take The Pledge of Abstinence from Alcohol & Drugs at the 8.00pm Vigil Mass this Saturday evening (10<sup>th</sup> Feb). They will promise to abstain from alcoholic drink until 18 years of age and from drugs for life.



**Recent Death:** We remember in our prayers **Canon Frank (Fr. Paddy) Harrington**, St. Dunstan's, Woking, Surrey and formerly of The Strand, Eyeries, Beara, Co. Cork  
*May he Rest in Peace!*

<b>Direendaragh:</b>	<b>Mass on Sat. 6.30pm. / Ash Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> Feb) .....</b>	<b>Mass at 6.00pm</b>
<b>Templenoe:</b>	<b>Sun: Mass at 10.45am</b> Dan Harrington, Reen .....	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b>
	<b>Ash Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> Feb) .....</b>	<b>Mass at 6.45pm</b>

**Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions**

Sat	8.00pm	Dermot Donovan, Main St. Kenmare .....	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sun	<b>Mass Times: 9.30am &amp; 12noon</b>		
Mon/Tues	10.00am		
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY (14<sup>th</sup> February) .... Mass Times: 10.00am &amp; 7.30pm</b>			
Thurs	10.00am	Cornelius O'Connor .....	Anniversary
Fri	10.00am		
Sat	10.00am	Teddy O'Sullivan-Casey & family .....	Anniversary

4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
<b>Direendaragh</b>	€ 48	€ 72	<b>€ 120</b>
<b>Templenoe</b>	€ 47	€ 54	<b>€ 101</b>
<b>Kenmare</b>	€ 671	€ 1,058	<b>€ 1,729</b>

**Church Notices:**

- **Kerry Diocesan Collection 'Lourdes Helpers'** – taken up this weekend 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **"Do This in Memory"** Programme for children preparing for First Holy Communion will be part of the 9.30am Mass at Holy Cross Church this Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> Feb).
- **Lenten Edition of 'My Day by Day' booklet** – available at the bookstand €1.60.  
 There are daily Mass Readings starting Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday.

**CONFESSION for CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

will be on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, at 11.30am in Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

**PRAYER SERVICE OF LIGHT, for CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**

takes place on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, 14th February, is a DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE.**

The pupils of St. John's N.S. will attend the 10.00am Mass.

**Next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February is ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of the Lenten Season, when Christians pray, fast and give alms. Catholics abstain from meat and fast from food today.**

On this day ashes are blessed and used to mark our heads and the beginning of our

Lenten penance as a preparation for Easter. The ashes "remember that you are dust" and the Sign of the Cross remind us that, although we are created from the dust of the earth, we are, because of Christ's redeeming presence, transformed and invited to share God's love forever:

**TROCAIRE**

Working for a Just World

**The Trócaire Box** has been part of our homes during Lent for over forty years. Trócaire was established by the Bishops of Ireland in 1973 to respond to poverty and injustice in the developing world. Last year 22.2 million euro was donated and 26 million people in need from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East benefitted. Over €3,000 was donated by the people of Kenmare Parish last year.

*from Ash Wednesday Trocaire Boxes will be available at the back of the church. Please take one for your home and continue the tradition and support those in dire need. The boxes will be collected at Easter.*

**'Thinking Outside the Chocolate Box' Celebrating the Joy of Love on Valentine's Day:**



At the back of the church today, you will find a 'HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY' card. This can be used as a gift token by couples to give a gift to a loved one, a gift that focuses on quality time together. The person who receives one of these tokens is entitled to one of a number of gifts including - - -

- a special meal cooked for them.
- a journey down memory lane where time is set aside to remember the couple's journey together.
- a technology-free evening together.
- Prayer time together.

The idea is that Valentine's Day is an opportunity for couples to celebrate the depth and beauty of love in a way that goes beyond commercial interest ...see [www.amoris.ie](http://www.amoris.ie)

- **Coffee Morning** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 10.30am in Lansdowne Arms Hotel. White Lightning Karate Kenmare WMKF European Championship Fundraiser. All Welcome.
- **Enable Ireland Kerry Service:** Recent church gate collection €909.62 – thank you for your support. This money will be used to support children and adults with disabilities in Co Kerry.
- **History Lecture:** A lecture entitled 'The Black Valley' – an archaeological perspective by Frank Coyne, Archaeologist, will take place in Killarney Library on Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30pm.
- **Mindfulness & Yoga** for Physical & Mental Wellbeing in Kenmare Library, Wed (14<sup>th</sup> Feb) at 11am. Admission is free but booking is essential. Places are limited. ☎ 064 6641416.
- **Whist Drive** – at Templenoe Community Centre on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm. All Welcome!
- **Ardfert Retreat Centre (066-7134276) The Jesus Prayer:** Bishop Brendan Comiskey, Sat. 17th Feb. (Open to All) and Sun. 18th Feb. (Special Day of support and reflection for recovering Alcoholic members), 10am-5pm. **Ministry in the Church** by Bishop (Emeritus) Bill Murphy, Gathering for All Parish Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Parish personnel in the Kerry Diocese, Thurs. 22nd Feb. 7.00pm-9.30pm.