

Recent Deaths: We remember in our prayers **Monica Coffey**, Direendarragh, Blackwater and **Dan O’Sullivan**, Worthing, UK and late of Gortalinny, Kenmare. *May they Rest in Peace.*

Direendaragh: Sat. 6.30pm. Peggy O’Connor & Daniel O’Shea, Droumlusk. Anniversary
Templenoe: Sun: 10.45am Sheelagh Mahony, Lackeen Month’s Mind.

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions

Sat	8.00pm	Marie Orpen, Bere Island, Co Cork. R.I.P.
Sun	9.30am	Sr deSales Butler, Presentation Convent, Clonmel R.I.P.
Sun	12noon	Gerald O’Connor, Blackvalley Anniversary
Mon / Tues	10.00am	
Wed	10.00am	Kit & Tom Granville Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	
Fri	10.00am	Packie & Anna-Mai Hanley, Henry St. Anniversary
Sat	10.00am	Tom Guihan, Main St. ”

11 th Feb	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€50	€ 29	€ 79
Templenoe	€ 71	€ 35	€ 106
Kenmare	€ 968	€ 1,027	€ 1,995

Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Every **Tuesday** at **7pm** in **Direendarragh Church**
 Every **Wednesday** at **7.30pm** in **Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.**

- **Parish ‘World Meeting of Families Group’** – meeting at the Presbytery on Mon (19th) at 8pm. Contact Marie T. Russell for details of WMOF Programme meeting at The Lodge on Thursday, 22nd Feb. at 8pm.
- **World Meeting of Families Collection** – will be taken up next w/e 24th & 25th Feb.
- **Kenmare Area Pastoral Council** – meeting in The Lodge, on Tuesday 20th Feb at 8pm.

The Reality of Family Life Today, Let’s Talk Family, Let’s be Family, The Joy of Love.

Video / Conversation takes place in the Church Lodge, Thursday, 22nd February, at 7.20pm.

Today’s Scripture:

1st Reading: Tells of the friendship-agreement (covenant) which God established with Noah and his descendants after the Flood. **Psalm:** The ways of God are full of love and compassion. **2nd Reading:** Peter reminds his audience that Christ’s voluntary embrace of suffering and death cleared the way for us to attain eternal life with God. **Gospel:** Reminds us of the two focal points of the

Lenten season: the meaning of baptism and the confrontation with our own sinfulness.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH, Kenmare.
PARISH MISSION. 5th – 7th March 2018

“In God’s family, everyone finds a home”

In conjunction with The World Meeting of Families. Everyone Welcome!

Hope & Prayer

The season of Lent calls us to deepen our prayer lives. ‘Pray, hope, and don’t worry’ (a motto of Padre Pio) is a reminder that prayer can give comfort when we place our hope in God. Pray traditional Catholic prayers. Pray with God’s Word as with Readings in Mass Leaflet or try Hebrews 6: 18-19, Romans 12:12, Romans 15:13, Hebrews 10: 23.

Hope & Fasting

The goal of fasting is to improve our relationship with Christ as we experience sacrifice in honour of his sacrifice for us. Here are some ideas to make your Lenten sacrifice a hope-building exercise.

- Refrain from negative or hopeless comments; try saying things only in positive ways.
- Avoid listening to or watching stuff with negative messages or dialogue.
- Give away items that are burdening you with clutter.

Hope & Almsgiving

‘It is in giving that we receive’ prayer of St. Francis. ‘It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving’ St. Teresa of Calcutta.

- Volunteer time to the parish (there are lots and lots of jobs to be done).
- At Mass, introduce yourself to one new person each week of Lent.
- Actively watch for someone each day who needs an extra helping hand.

Ways of fulfilling Friday Penance.

Abstain from alcohol or smoking or meat / Make a special effort at family prayer
 Visit the Blessed Sacrament / Make the Stations of the Cross / Pick up & use a Tróaire Box.

Community Notes

- **Cahir National School – Enrolment of Pupils for September 2018.** Application Forms are now available from Ms Noreen Hanley, Principal Teacher.
- **Coffee Morning** – Friday 23rd Feb at 10.30am in Lansdowne Arms Hotel. White Lightning Karate Kenmare WMKF European Championship Fundraiser. All Welcome.
- **Kenmare FRC:** Caring for our Wellbeing (8 weeks) commences on Wed 21st Feb at 7.30pm. Parenting Program (5 wks) commencing Thurs 22nd Feb at 7.30pm. Bookings: 064 6642790.
- **Living with Type 2 Diabetes** – let us help? Book a place on our free course (6 weeks, 2 ½ hours), run by HSE Community Dieticians. ☎ 087 673 4035 to book a place in Kenmare.
- **Samaritans [Kerry Branch]:** The Christmas Collection in Kenmare raised €2,782.92. Many thanks to the teams of collectors and to all who contributed on the day.
- **Lenten Talk ‘Finding ourselves in the Lenten Jesus’** - on Thursday, 22nd Feb at 8pm by Br. Pádraig McIntyre osb in the Heights Hotel, Killarney. All welcome! Admission Free.
- **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé.** The Diocese of Kerry will once again host a diocesan youth pilgrimage to Taizé, France, 1st – 8th July 2018. There are 15 places available.

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