

**PARISH of KENMARE**

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 St. Patrick's Day ~ Lá le Pádraig

Holyday of Obligation

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**GOD IS FAMILY**  
so are we

*Shamrock will be blessed at all Masses*

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Direendaragh</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Monica Coffey, Direendarragh	Month's Mind
<b>Templenoe</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>10.45am</b>	Donal & Eileen Lehane, and Bridget & Bernard Bowler.	
<b>Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.</b>				
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	Dan & Margaret Sleator	Anniversary
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Denis Harrington, Dromtoug	Anniversary
	<b>Sat</b>	<b>12noon</b>	Jan Vass, Gerahadiveen	Anniversary

*Connecting Family & Friends  
all over the World:*

**Find at the back of the church a FOLDER ALBUM  
for  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY Messages.**

*It contains messages to and from our family and friends all over the world.*

*Feel free to write a short message or you can 'email' a message to  
[kathlynkenmare@gmail.com](mailto:kathlynkenmare@gmail.com) or put a message on Kenmare Facebook page.*

*Please take a Bumper/Car Window stick "GOD IS FAMILY, SO ARE WE"  
Available after each Mass at the back of the church.*

*"We are a worldwide family."*

**Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday evening (17<sup>th</sup> March) & Sunday Morning (18<sup>th</sup> March)**

**Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> ..... Vigil Mass at 8pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> ..... 9.30am & 12noon

**Direendarragh**

**Templenoe**

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> Mar. Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> Mar. Mass at 10.45am

*Saint John II once said that "Love is never defeated,  
and the history of Ireland proves it."*

One of the most heartening things about St. Patrick's Day is the sense of family and community that prevails around this feast day. Seeing families spend time together in celebratory mode is heartening. The excitement and anticipation that runs in communities and families on this day as they prepare to either participate in or host a parade in honour of Ireland's patron saint is palpable. It is the ultimate celebration of our heritage and our faith.

St. Patrick spent much of his life away from his family. During his captivity and subsequent slavery, he turned to his faith to console him in the midst of loneliness and fear. He chose to surround himself with God.

Through our celebrations this day, we don't just remember the historical figure of Patrick, but the man who was central to creating the Christian family here on the Island of Ireland, whose love for God and love for our country was not defeated despite his many trials and imprisonments.

With a world that is forever presenting challenges to us as Christians, we draw from the story of St. Patrick as source of strength, wisdom, perseverance and love.

**Introduction to the Scripture Readings:**

*Jeremiah 1:4-9* - The call to bring God's message is daunting, particularly to youthful messengers. But God's help is close at hand.

*Romans 10: 9-18* - God's word has been spread to every nation, without distinction; with the help of apostles like Patrick, it has gone to the ends of the world.

*Mark 16: 15-20* - Christian disciples are protected from every danger, as Patrick was: the Lord works with them.

**A Prayer for 'World Meeting of Families'2018 Participants.**

As we celebrate the feast day of our national patron, St. Patrick, may we take this opportunity to ask for your prayers for everyone involved in organising and participating in WMOF2018 – staff, volunteers, hosting families, suppliers, associates, partners and, of course, all those families from Ireland and those travelling to join us in August.

*We hope that you enjoy the St. Patrick's Day  
celebrations wherever in the world you may be.*

*Céad Míle Fáilte to all!*



Happy St. Patrick's Day!