

PARISH OF KENMARE

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Sunday, 16th December 2018 ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.

Recent Deaths:

We remember in our prayers **Aoife O’Sullivan**, Raleigh Bridge, Bonane, and **Maureen O’Shea** (Liam Sean O) Lauragh, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*May they Rest in Peace!***Direendarragh: Sat: Mass at 6.30pm** Joan Cremin ... Anniversary

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Templeno: Sun: Mass at 10.45am Annie, John and Dan O’Sullivan ... Anniversary**Holy Cross Church ~ Mass intentions this week.**

Sat	8.00pm	Dan and Eileen Cronin, Dromcahan	Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Patrick Delaney, Tulig	Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Mary O’Leary (née O’Shea) and Mary Jeffers	Anniversary
Mon	8.30am	Patrick and Mary Brown, Main Street	Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Sandra and Ann Keane	Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Norah McCarthy, Dromneavane	Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	Denis O’Sullivan, London	Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Special Intention	
Sat	10.00am	There is NO 10am Mass today.	

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 12noon – 4.00pm

2 Dec 2018	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendarragh	51	53	104
Templeno	64	63	127
Kenmare	655	1,244	1,899

Church Notices

- **‘Do This in Memory’** Liturgy for boys and girls preparing for First Holy Communion 2019 takes place in Holy Cross Church this Sunday (16th Dec) at 9.30am Mass.
- **Monday, 17 December:** Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am to facilitate Confessions for Pobalscoil students (**No 10am Mass**)
- **Pobalscoil** Confessions in Holy Cross Church on Monday, 17 December, at 9.00am.
- **The Star of Bethlehem:** A fascinating DVD which explores the evidence about the star that changed the world. Showing in the Church Lodge on Tuesday, 18th December, from 7.30pm – 9pm. All very welcome ... Refreshments served.
- **The Travelling Crib:** Continued blessings on the families in the Kenmare, Templeno and Direendarragh areas who are participating in the Travelling Crib Advent project.
- **Kenmare Facebook Page ...** for weekly updates, why not follow us on our page, and please *Like and Share.*
- **St Patrick’s Church ...** Carol Service with The South Kerry Rosen Choir, Sunday 16 December, at 4.00 – everyone welcome!

Christmas Confessions HOLY CROSS CHURCHSaturday, 22nd December, 12 noon – 4 p.m

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.

Words of ABSOLUTION

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSIONS for school pupils at Holy Cross Church

Pobalscoil	Monday, 17 th December	9.00 a.m.
St. John N.S.	Tuesday, 18 th December	11.30 a.m.

Gaudete Sunday:*(hence, the rose candle is lit and rose coloured vestments are worn)*

This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday, which means ‘a day of rejoicing’. Advent is half over, and the day of the Lord’s coming is nearer.

The term ‘Gaudete’ refers to the first word of the Mass for this day.

Advent - - - reminds us that we must watch and wait for the Lord – watch for the signs of grace in our lives and wait for the revelation of God in our lives. At the centre of Advent is our longing for a Saviour, for One who came to redeem us, who comes in our hearts, and who will arrive at the end of ages.

Today’s Scripture Readings:

THE 1ST READING: Jerusalem is urged to rejoice because God stands in her midst. We too can take heart from this message of hope.

PSALM: Our strength and courage comes from God our Saviour.

2nd READING: Paul urges us to rejoice in the Lord, and to let go of anxiety by living in the spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.

GOSPEL: John the Baptist tells the people what they must do to prepare for the Lord’s coming and to escape his searching judgement.

- ♦ **Templeno:** Whist Drive on Thursday, 20 December, at 8.00pm.
- ♦ **Templeno:** Christmas Dinner on Friday, 21 December, at 12.30.
- ♦ **Whist Drive in Dauros Community Centre** Every Sunday night at 8pm. Do come along!
- ♦ **Kenmare Special Needs** collection raised €2017.15. – thanks to everyone for contributions.