

Recent Deaths:

We remember in our prayers **Joseph Coffey**, Direendaragh, Blackwater, **Anne Jones**, Derry City and late of Blackwater, **Margaret (Peg) Murphy** Cahermore, Beara and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. *May they Rest in Peace!*

Direendarragh: Sat: Mass at 6.30pm Mary Egan, Killarney & Blackwater. ... Anniversary
Templeno: Sun: Mass at 10.45am The Peoples Mass

Holy Cross Church ~ Mass intentions this week.

Sat	8.00pm	Patrick & Helena O'Sullivan & family, Claddananure ... Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Joe O'Shea, Letter, Moll's Gap "
Sun	12noon	Derry Downing, Gortrooska Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	For the people of the Parish
Mon	24th Dec	Vigil MASS at 10.00pm preceded by Carols at 9.30pm
Tues	25th Dec	Christmas Day – see below for Mass Schedule
Wed and Thurs		There will no 10am Mass on Wednesday (26 th) or Thursday (27 th)
Fri	10.00am	Eilis Gallivan, Derrylough, Tuosist & Kenmare 1 st Anniversary
Sat		There will be no 10am Mass on Saturday (29 th Dec)

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 12noon – 1.00pm

16 Dec 2018	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	56	50	106
Templeno	96	100	196
Kenmare	747	1001	1748

Church Notices

Christmas Vigil Mass
Monday, 24th December

Templeno 6.30 p.m.

Kenmare.....10.00 p.m.
(Carols at 9.30pm)



Christmas Day Mass Times
Tuesday, 25th December

Kenmare 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon

Direendaragh 9.30 a.m.
Templeno 10.45 a.m.

- **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**, why not follow us on our page, and please *Like* and *Share*.
- **Irish Catholic Newspaper** - Special Christmas Edition on sale at the bookstand ... Cost €2.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Mon (24th) 8am-10am. Tues (25th) 8am – 12noon.

Priests' Dues: 'Christmas Offering' The Christmas Dues Collection (which supports your priests) will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope in this collection. We are extremely grateful for your continued support throughout the year.

Advent Thanksgiving



and flesh of our flesh. Thank you for staying with us still, drawing us up daily from darkness to light, from tepid respectability to passionate goodness. Amen.

Heavenly Father, what blessings attend us! Everywhere, gifts for our use; everywhere, messages signed with your name. For what are loving friends, except embodiments of your Advent love. And whose Advent is this, but that Friends who stands with us against what is dark and irrational in our private lives, who pleads with us when we seem hell-bent to destroy ourselves, who laughs at our fears and bolsters our courage. Thank you for making yourself known to us in him, who was bone of our bone

Prayer for Christmas Eve

*Bring us fresh to Christmas, Father.
 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.*



Today's Scripture Readings:



1st Reading: The Prophet, 8th Centaury promises that the birth of the Messiah will take place in Bethlehem. The power of God will be revealed in human weakness - - - in a lowly village from a humble peasant woman.
Psalm: We cry out to God who has the power to save us. **2nd Reading:** Jesus Christ comes to do the will of God. **Gospel:** The Visitation – two pregnant women, cradling each other, floating on the ocean of God's promises, buoyant with joy and hope.

Week 4 – Light the third purple candle.



Child: Jesus our friend and brother, we ask you to bless all the people who are waiting to celebrate your birthday... help us to spend these days of waiting by showing love and kindness to everyone.
Adult: God, your love for us meant that you would give us your own Son. Help us to realise that you love us so much.

We look forward to showing your love by being with you on Christmas day.
All: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our parish.



The Samaritans are contactable by free-phonng 116 123. Whatever a person's sadness or trouble, you can always phone The Samaritans.