



PARISH of KENMARE ~ CHRISTMAS 2018



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25th December 2018 ~ The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Monday, 24th December, **Christmas Eve Vigil-Mass** - 10.00 p.m.
~ Preceded by Carols at 9.30 p.m. ~

Tuesday, 25th December, **Christmas Day Mass Times**
9.30 a.m. & 12 noon

Templenoe Church:

Monday, 24th December, **Christmas Eve Vigil-Mass** - 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 25th December, **Christmas Day Mass** - 10.45 a.m.

Direendaragh Church:

Tuesday 25th December, **Christmas Day Mass** - 9.30 a.m.

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare:

There will be no 10.00am Mass on Wednesday (26th), Thursday (27th) or Saturday (29th).

Friday, 28th Dec. Mass at 10 a.m.

Intention for EILIS GALLIVAN, Derrylough, Tuosist & Kenmare ... 1st Anniversary.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Cross Church on Christmas Day (in side chapel) from 8am – 12 noon.

*O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today,
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.*



CHRISTMAS GREETING
*To our parishioners, young and old,
whose ministries and tireless care
are building the parish of tomorrow
where all are at home, in joy or sorrow.*

*For you who live so faithfully a
Christmas Wish of Nollaig Shona.*

*To those who at their occupation
continue the mission of Incarnation,
and who stir love's embers in their home
extending the light of Christ's Shalom;
may you relish as your reward
the gift you give us, Christ the Lord*



Priests' Dues: 'Christmas Offering'

The Christmas Collection/Dues, for support of the priests, will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

All other outstanding 'dues' would also be most welcome at this time as the 'Dues' envelopes the main source of the priest's income.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and are extremely grateful for your continued support throughout the year.



There is a Christmas Crib at The Square, Kenmare.

WHY NOT PAY IT A VISIT!

GUIMÍD GACH SONAS AGUS SIOCHÁN ORT UM NOLLAIG AGUS DEA-GHÚÍ SAN ATH-BHLIAIN



MAY THE SPECIAL GRACES OF CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY BE YOURS IN GREAT ABUNDANCE



Celebrating Christmas 2018

"For us a Child is Born, to us a Son is given" ISAIAH 9:6

**The Word was the true light that enlightens all people;
and he was coming into the world.
No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son,
Who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known. Jn 1:**



Christmas Prayer

LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

*We marvel at your coming into our world as a
helpless baby.*

*By fully embracing human life, even to suffering
and dying on a cross,
you redeemed us and secured for us a share in your
eternal life.*

*During this season of celebration, may we realize
anew just how much we are blessed by our
Emmanuel, God – With – Us.*

*In gratitude for all the blessings of your Kingdom,
and especially for our families and our friends, we
give thanks. AMEN.*

“May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we
dedicate this season prevail again on earth.

May hunger disappear and terrorists cease
their senseless acts.

May people live in freedom, worshipping as
they see fit, loving others.

May the sanctity of the home be ever
preserved.

May peace, everlasting peace, reign
supreme.”

Christmas Wishes

“In life, there will always be many paths to follow; I hope you
always choose the right one... If you give a part of yourself to
life, the part you receive back will be so much greater. Never
regret the past, but learn by it. Never lose sight of your
dreams; a person who can dream will always have hope.

Believe in yourself; if you do, everyone else will. You have
the ability to accomplish anything, but never do it at someone
else's expense. If you can go through life loving others, you
will have achieved the greatest success of all.”

[Judy Bourgeault, Blue Mtn. Arts.]



A Prayer for those away from Home

**Loving God,
we pray for those whom we love,
but who are absent from us.
Keep them safe from all harm, evil and
danger.
Bless them with peace, laughter,
wisdom, love and joy.
Grant that we may be reunited in the
fullness of love;
in Christ's name we pray.**

We remember all our people who live
and work abroad and those who have come
to our country in recent times.

We pray for those who have been
working for emigrants here and abroad.

We remember that we are all part of
God's family and that we depend on one
another and on God. May the gift of faith
sustain us all.

*Nollaig faoi shéan is
faoi mhaise dhuit.*



Merry Christmas

