

PARISH OF KENMARE Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest
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 Sunday, 2nd December 2018 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Recent Deaths: We remember in our prayers **JOHN ‘JACKIE’ DOYLE**, Derrivara, Blackwater and **THOMAS KENNY**, Bronx, N.Y. (*husband of Joan O’Sullivan ‘Dandy’, Claddanure*) who died during the week. *May they Rest in Peace!*

Direendarragh: Sat: (2nd) and Fri: (7th December) Mass at 6.30pm.
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Templenoë: Sun 2nd Dec. Mass at 10.45am Monica O’Sullivan, Lower Reen ... Anniversary
 Sat. 8th Dec: Mass at 10.45am Peg & Jerry O’Connor and Patrick Crowley. ”

Holy Cross Church ~ Mass intentions this week.

Sat	8.00pm	John & Mary Hourihan, Cappach and Michael O’Connor, Lacka Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Jerry & Connie McCarthy, 22 Main Street ”
Sun	12noon	Hilda Fennell, Islandmore House, Bell Height. Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Mary & Matilda Donovan, The Square ”
Tues	10.00am	Martin & Cissie Crushell Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Patricia Daly, Gortamullen 1 st Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	Sr. Eileen Randles Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Tommy Murphy, Kilmurry ”
Fri. Vigil	8.00pm	Jimmy, Una & John Gerard Lowney & Gary Sheehan Anniversary
Saturday 8th December	9.30am	Ellen O’Sullivan, Dromcahan ”
	12 noon	Lil Murphy, 4 Henry Street Anniversary

25 th November	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 48	€ 82	€ 130
Templenoë	€ 40	€ 60	€ 100
Kenmare	€ 970	€ 1430	€ 2400

Church Notices

- **Kerry Diocesan Collection ‘Diocesan Youth Service’** –taken up this weekend.
- **Parish Finance Group** – meeting at 8pm on Monday, 3rd December at the Presbytery.
- **Friday 7th Dec is FIRST FRIDAY** – Communion calls by Fr. Crean at the usual times.
- **Christmas Celebration, Carols, Music and Poetry ...** by the Rosen Choir & Friends on next Sunday, 9th December, at 5pm in Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.
- **KENMARE PARISH ‘FACEBOOK’** ... For weekly updates why not follow us on our page and please ‘Like’ & ‘Share’.

Today’s Scripture Readings:

1st Reading: The prophet assures the people that God will send the promised one, the Messiah.
Psalms: The faithful wait on the God who saves. **2nd Reading:** Love and holiness are the hallmarks of the community of faith. **Gospel:** In language borrowed from the Old Testament, Luke describes the second coming of Christ. Christians should prepare for it with confidence, vigilance and prayer.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 Saturday, 8th December ~ It is a Holyday of obligation ~ Mass Times as follows:

HOLY CROSS CHURCH:

Friday: Vigil at 8pm / **Saturday,** Masses at 9.30 & 12 noon.

DIREENDARRAGH

Friday, 7th Dec. Mass at 6.30pm

TEMPLENOË

Saturday, 8th Dec. Mass at 10.45am

ADVENT ...

is a four-week liturgical season that opens the Church’s year. It nudges us to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First coming to us is remembered and to direct our minds and hearts to await Christ’s Second coming at the end of time.

ADVENT WREATH

The circle represents eternity, time without end; the evergreens stand for eternal life. The candles remind us of Christ, ‘the light of the world’.
 Three candles are purple (reminders of the spirit of penance), the pink candle is for joy (3rd Sunday). An additional candle is lit each Sunday of Advent as the celebration of Christ’s coming draws near. The white candle is lit at Christmas.



THE TRAVELLING CRIB OF MARY AND JOSEPH (THE POSADA)
 Thanks to each and all who have ‘signed-in’ to receive the ‘Crib’ in their home for a night between 1st December and Christmas Eve.

The TRAVELLING CRIB is a figure/statue of MARY & JOSEPH travelling to the Inn at Bethlehem. It’s called the Posada in Spanish. The TRAVELLING CRIB is the modern equivalent of the Posada. The TRAVELLING CRIB will be used this Advent in the parish to help us celebrate more meaningfully the season of Advent. It will be taken by householders each night beginning its journey at Vigil Mass this weekend.

It will ‘travel’ around the parish from home to home, symbolising the journey of Mary & Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The Travelling Crib will arrive at the churches for the Vigil Masses on Christmas Eve.

*** See sheet at the back of the church if you would like to host the Crib for a night. ***

Community Notes

- **Advent Retreat: Fr. Gerard McCarthy SVD,** Fri. 14th to Sun 16th Dec. Please call 0667134276 for both residential and non-residential bookings.
- ♦ **Carnegie Arts Centre:** Thurs 6th Dec at 8pm – Film ‘Ladybird’ Comedy/Drama. Friday, 7th Dec. at 5pm – Theatre Games Ireland Christmas Show “The Polar Express”. Tickets: 064 6648701
- ♦ **Christmas Whist Drive at Taobh Linn** – Wednesday, 5th December at 8pm. WHIST LESSONS will continue on Monday, 3rd December at 8pm. Everyone is welcome!
- ♦ **Annual Christmas Party in the Brooklane Hotel ...** on Thursday, 6th December, 2pm - 6pm. Tickets are still available ph. Tanya 064 6648616
- ♦ **Sneem Resource Centre** – Christmas Craft Fair this Sunday 11am-5pm at Sneem Hotel.
- ♦ **Coffee Morning at Poffs ...** for Kenmare ‘Special Needs’ Children on Friday 7th Dec 10-12noon.
- ♦ **Kenmare Shamrocks GAA** – Christmas Bazaar Sun next in Fr. Breen Park GAA Hall @ 1pm.
- ♦ **St. Vincent de Paul:** Your generosity has enabled us provide all the clothing that we currently need. We look forward to your continued support. Our clothing collection and distribution facility at Shelbourne Street has served us well. It is now closed as and from Saturday, 1st December. The Annual Christmas Collection takes place next weekend 8th & 9th December.