

Recent Death:

We remember in our prayers **Kathleen Sexton**, UK & Brosna (*mother of John W. Sexton*) - - - we also remember all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

. *May they Rest in Peace!*

Direendarragh: Sat: Mass at 6.30pm Annie O’Sullivan, Gortbrack & Coom ... Anniversary

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Templenoë: Sun: Mass at 10.45am Teresa & Timothy O’Shea, Coomnakilla ... Anniversary

Holy Cross Church ~ Mass intentions this week.

Sat	8.00pm	Kitty Flynn (<i>nee Burke</i>) Leicester, UK & Killowen R.I.P.
Sun	9.30am	Teresa Murphy, Cahir 1 st Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Dan Joe, Kathleen & Margaret Sullivan, Bonane Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	John E. & Margaret Gaine, Cappamore ”
Tues	10.00am	Fr. Pat Sullivan & Phil Tierney Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Danny ‘Dan Jerh’ O’Sullivan, Gortnadullagh Month’s Mind
Thurs	10.00am	Danny Moriarty, Gortamullen Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Kathy, John & Patrick Donoghue, Muxsnew ”
Sat	10.00am	There is NO 10am Mass today.

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 12noon – 12.30pm

2 Dec 2018	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendaragh	€ 51	€ 157	€ 208
Templenoë	€ 56	€ 225	€ 281
Kenmare	€ 500	€ 956	€ 1,456

Church Notices

- **Christmas Play in Templenoë Church.** Practice will take place, in the church, on Monday, 10th December, at 4pm. All children welcome.
- **‘Do This in Memory’ Co-ordinating Group** – meeting 7pm on Mon (10th) in the Presbytery ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass next Sunday (16th Dec) at 9.30am in Holy Cross Church.
- **‘Life in the Spirit’ Prayer Group:** in Holy Cross Church Lodge on Mon 10th Dec at 7.30pm.
- **Parish ‘Families’ Group,** meeting at 8pm on Monday, 10th December, at the Presbytery.
- **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.
- **Advent Retreat:** Led by: Fr. Gerard McCarthy SVD, Friday 14th – Sunday, 16th December ... Bookings ... 066 7134276
- **The Travelling Crib:** Continuing blessings on the families in the Kenmare, Templenoë and Direendarragh areas who are participating in the Travelling Crib Advent project.

Christmas Celebration, Carols, Music & Poetry

by the Rosen Choir & Friends

on this Sunday, 9th December, at 5pm in Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Christmas Confessions HOLY CROSS CHURCH

- Saturday, 15th December, 12 noon – 1pm.
- Saturday, 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.

CONFESSIONS for school pupils

Cahir N.S.	Tuesday, 11 th December	11.30 a.m.
Pobalscoil	Monday, 17 th December	9.00 a.m.
St. John N.S.	Tuesday, 18 th December	11.30 a.m.

Prayer with the Advent Wreath in church.

Week 2: Light the second ‘purple’ candle.

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Child: Jesus, our brother, we ask you to bless our parish family during this Advent time. We light these candles to remind us that you bring light into our lives and into the world. We thank you for showing us how to show love and be kind and help those who need help.

Adult: God, your story of love for people all through time reminds us that you are with us, offering us light and hope. Help us to trust in you this week.

All: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our parish.



Today’s Scripture Readings:

THE 1ST READING: Baruch offers a marvellous hope-filled vision to the people who have lost everything: home, country, and even, apparently, their God. But God has remembered them. **PSALM:** Like those as in a dream, we experience the liberation of God. **2nd READING:** Paul remembers the people of Phillipi in his prayers, praying that they will continue to grow in holiness and love. **GOSPEL:** The preaching of John the Baptist is a call to make a clear highway in our lives, to receive The Lord.

- ♦ **Kenmare Shamrocks GAA** – Christmas Bazaar this Sunday in Fr. Breen Park GAA Hall @ 1pm.
- ♦ **Kerry Spina Bifida** – recent collection amounted to €1,648. Many thanks for your support!
- ♦ **Whist Drive in Dauros Community Centre** Every Sunday night at 8pm. Do come along!