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**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 ~ Easter Sunday**  
 Kenmare Pastoral Area: Parishes of Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Glengarriff (Bonane), Sneem & Tuosist

**Good Wishes to you and yours for the Peace of the Risen Lord.**

Warmest 'THANK YOU' to each person whose precious contribution of time, presence, talent, faith and goodwill enhanced our celebration of the Holy Week Services.

*The Easter Message*

*"Christ is Risen, Alleluia". "He is Risen indeed, Alleluia".*

Easter challenges us each year. Do we believe that Christ truly rose from the dead? Belief in the resurrection is the bedrock of Christianity. It is at the heart of the Easter message - - -. In the Risen Christ death has lost its hold over humankind - - -. Easter is not only concerned with life after death - - - It has much to say about life here on earth.



**Opening Prayer**

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



**Easter Water:**

This is sprinkled over the people present at the Vigil and on Easter Day as they renew their baptismal promises. We use blessed water in our homes as a reminder of our baptism, by which Jesus makes us the holy people of God.

**Easter Season:** Lasts for seven weeks or fifty days, and will bring us to the feast of Pentecost.

**Easter Sunday:** We rejoice to-day with all Christians. By baptism we are sharers in the grace of Christ, we die with him, are buried with him in death and are raised with him to glory. We share in his victory and his new life.

**Easter Vigil:** During Holy Saturday night, we celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death. He is the light of the world, who frees us, and brings us into his kingdom of love.

**EASTER THANKSGIVING**

Eternal Father,	for our earthly pilgrimage,
Jesus' resurrection overwhelms.	and that it does not end in death's frustration;
We praise your name:	and that all our sins are cleansed
for the springtime,	in Jesus' blood.
a token of unfading joy;	We give thanks
for children,	that no earthly power can break
and that we are all your children;	the ramparts of your grace. Alleluia!
for our love, and that it endures in your	We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
great love;	Amen.

**Recent Deaths:** We remember in our prayers *Nora Riordan (nee Kelly)* Cahir, Kenmare. *Madeline Bruton*, London & Mayo (*mother of Madeline O'Connor*).  
**May they Rest in Peace!**

<b>Direendaragh Church:</b> Sun: 9.30am Paddy & Sarah Mullins ..... Anniversary		
<b>Templenoë Church:</b> Sun.10.45am Fiona O'Sullivan, Lackeen ..... Anniversary		
<b>Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Mass with blessing of Paschal Fire</b>
Sun	9.30am	Denis McCarthy, Inchamore, Kenmare ..... Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Sandra O'Connor, Ardtully, Kilgarvan ..... "
Mon	10.00am	Denis & Catherine Harrington, The Square, Kenmare ..... Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Denis & Annie O'Sullivan and their daughter Margaret Moloney "
Wed	10.00am	Margaret & Edmund O'Regan, Athenry, Co. Galway ..... Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	
Fri	10.00am	Nancy & Michael Price, Cahir, Kenmare ..... Anniversary

- **PRIESTS' OFFERING – SPRING / EASTER DUES:** There will be a second collection on Easter Sunday for Spring Dues. Please bring your **Spring Dues Envelope** to this collection. If you have not received an envelope, you can still contribute to this collection. Your contribution towards the support of the priests is much appreciated.
- **KERRY DIOCESAN COLLECTION 'PETER'S PENCE'** – taken up next w/e 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April.
- **CAFÉ CREDO GROUP** – Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> "Ocean of Mercy" in the Church Lodge, 7.30pm Divine Mercy in the lives of St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Pope St. John Paul II.
- **JOIN ACCORD:** Recruiting for volunteers as Pre-Marriage Course Facilitator or a Marriage & Relationship Counsellor. If you have a positive attitude to the Catholic Church and have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord Team – ph. 066 77122280. There will be an Information Evening in St. John's Parish Centre, Tralee, Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.
- **TRÓCAIRE BOXES:** Please return the boxes / envelopes over the next few weeks.
- **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:** Devotions for the Feast of Divine Mercy will take place in Holy Cross Church next Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April between 3 – 4 pm.
- **ROSARY AT THE GROTTOS:** Join thousands of people around Ireland as we go to our local Grottos to pray the Rosary each day during the month of May at 8pm. To sign up your local Grotto – phone/text 087 2786552 or register at [www.coastalrosaryireland.ie](http://www.coastalrosaryireland.ie)

**Annual Clean Up of Blackwater/Templenoë Area**, next weekend 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April. Bags, gloves and a limited amount of pickers can be collected at O'Neill's Shop, Blackwater.  
**Carnegie Arts Centre:** Thurs (25<sup>th</sup> April) Film "Escobar" Action/Biography/Crime. - - - Sat (27<sup>th</sup> April) at 5pm – Theatre Game Ireland presents 'Bedtime Stories'.  
**Kerry Hospice Foundation Collection** at ALDI Kenmare Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> April from 11am - 4pm. Supporting Palliative Care Services in Kerry Hospitals & in the Wider Community.  
**Blood Donor Clinic** - 93 Donors attended in Pobalscoil Inbhear Sceine on Thurs (18<sup>th</sup> April). This generosity & commitment to helping others is very much appreciated.