

*Kenmare Parish ~ Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest.*

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*Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 ~ Baptism of the Lord*

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH ~ Open Daily for Private Prayer.**

**Monday-Saturday: 10.30am – 8.00pm. / Sunday: 12.30 – 8.00pm.**



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*Mass Intentions : Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.*

Sat	8.00pm	Charlie Brennan, Glengarriff & Kenmare ..... Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Phyllis Healy, Claddanure ..... 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Tom, Nora & Peter Harrington, Lodge Wood. .... Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Jimmy McCarthy, Roughty Lodge ..... Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Con Crowley, Henry St. .... Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Humphrey O’Leary, Kilcurrane ..... Anniversary
Thur/Fri	10.00am	



*Christmas 2020 ~ ‘Thank You’.*

The parish is deeply grateful to all who enabled us prepare for and celebrate Christmas: the Parish Covid-19 Committee for facilitating the preparation of the churches, the service of ushers, and the booking and ticketing project that gave maximum number the opportunity to attend Mass.

We are blessed with the service of readers, cantors, musicians and Ministers of the Eucharist. We are delighted with the care, creativity, and full-on attention of all who set up the lovely cribs at Templehoe, Direendarragh and the sacred space and delightful new crib at Holy Cross.

As always, a special ‘thank you’ to our sacristy teams and altar teams that wash, iron, decorate and do countless deeds that keep the church clean and safe.

**Covid-19.** Our situation is grave. The rampant spread of the virus will take some time and much caution to regain control of it. It is likely to last months. We all have our part to play in this effort. Our return to on-line liturgy is necessary while being deeply disappointing. Level 5 restrictions make our functioning as a parish quite difficult but still possible. Together in parish and family, the Holy Spirit will harvest rich blessings from the seeds of our best efforts.



*Today’s Sacred Scripture.*

**1st Reading:** Here the prophet invites all to the rich banquet of life God provides for his people. In baptism we share in the life of God.

**Psalm:** The God of glory blesses the children of God with peace.

**2nd Reading:** Faith in Jesus leads us to love one another and gives us the ability to overcome evil. Jesus’ baptism and death bear witness to his identity.

**Gospel:** This tells how Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, and the signs that accompanied his baptism.

*Questions to Ponder:*

- Do you live out your baptism promises?
- Why is your baptism considered a doorway to your future?

**CATHOLIC BISHOPS: “Welcoming Vaccines for the Common Good”.**

The Catholic Church recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity.

**ACCORD – Relationship Counselling**

ACCORD is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmosphere.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People.**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relation to Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am – 8pm by calling 0818 222 024.

**A Prayer for the New Year ... COME, HOLY SPIRIT,**

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,

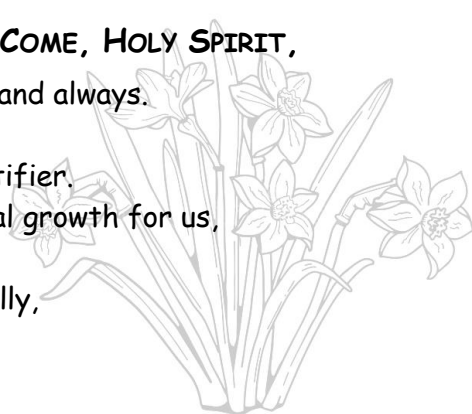
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,

A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

Be with us today and always. Amen.



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