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Sunday, 14th March 2021 ~ 4th Sunday of Lent

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LAETARE (REJOICE) SUNDAY: *In this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, in the middle of Lent, we are reminded to rejoice in the incarnation and the passion, death and resurrection of Christ, as these acts reveal God's love.*

Recent Deaths: We remember in our prayers **NORA O'CONNOR (nee Raftery)** 11 Scarteen Pk, Kenmare. **PATRICK FALVEY**, Ballylicky, Bantry and late of Greenane, **FELIX RANGLES**, Bruree, Limerick and late of Clontoo, Kilgarvan. R.I.P.

Mass Intentions : Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat	8.00pm	Special Intention
Sun	9.30am	Florrie & Margaret O'Sullivan, Gortamullen Hse. Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Nora Mai (1 st) John Patrick O'Sullivan, Doughill (50 th) Anniv.
Mon	10.00am	Special Intention
Tues	10.00am	Special Intention
16 Mar Vigil	8.00pm	Kathleen O'Neill, Sneem, Cork & Toronto. R. I. P.
Wed	9.30am	Jan & Ken Vass, Gerahdiveen Anniversary
Wed	12noon	Special Intention
Thurs	10.00am	Johnny and Ellen Sheehan, Main St. Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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MONDAY – FRIDAY ~ 10.00am: Mass with Reading of Parish Lenten Prayer

WEDNESDAYS ~ 7.30PM **FRIDAYS ~ 7.30PM** **SUNDAYS ~ 7-8PM**
 Rosary Stations of the Cross Holy Hour with Benediction

Today, 14th March, is the anniversary of the 1st day of life without Public Mass. We remember those who have died of COVID, and those suffering because of COVID. May we continue to take care and to be caring and pray for a better and brighter future.



St. Patrick's Day (Wednesday)
 Tradition has it that the date of his Feast, 17th March, ends winter. He is alleged to have promised prosperity to those who seek his intercession on that day.



A Testimony of St. Patrick gives his account of how the Lord changed his life and used him in a powerful way. Find a copy of that Testimony in Holy Cross Church. This Testimony, written near the end of his life is Christ-centred and scripturally based.

This Celtic Church that he founded focussed on these six themes:

- ◆ Worship and Prayer. ◆ Lifestyle of learning, training, and equipping others.
- ◆ Study of scripture. ◆ Establishing communities of hospitality.
- ◆ Adventurous missionary tasks. ◆ Had an openness to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Copy of the prayer "The Breastplate of St. Patrick" at the back of Holy Cross Church.



Today's Sacred Scripture.

1st Reading: Israel's sinfulness brings destruction on Jerusalem and years of exile. The Lord's intervention brings an end to exile and the likelihood of homecoming. **Psalm:** The memory of Jerusalem sustains the broken hearts of the exile. **2nd Reading Gospel:** We are God's 'work of art'; though marred by sin, we are restored as a new creation through God's loving kindness, shown in Christ. **Gospel:** In his love for us, God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn us, but to save us.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER: • How do you distinguish truth from falsehoods? • How do you retain hope during tumultuous times? • Is it easy or difficult to see the cross as a sign of God's love for you? Why?

Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

< Friday, 19th March >

'WITH A FATHER'S HEART: THAT IS HOW JOSEPH LOVED JESUS,' these are the opening words of the letter of 8th December 2020 of Pope Francis marking the beginning the YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH.

The Pope's hope is that during this year each believer has the opportunity to discover again 'the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.

The Pope's aim with this 'Year of St. Joseph' is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession, and imitate his virtues and zeal.

Pope Francis reflects on the qualities found in the father of Jesus, qualities he wants us to put at the heart of the Church. Google 'INTRO TO PATRIS CORDE' for more.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
 With you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself
 a father and guide us in the path of life.*

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

CHURCH OPEN DAILY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: Mon-Sat: 10.30am-8pm. Sun 12.30-8pm

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