

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest.

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Sunday, 2nd May 2021 ~ 5th Sunday of Easter

Live Streaming of Masses via our website – www.kenmareparish.com

Holy Cross Church is open daily for Private Prayer

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



Recent Deaths:

We remember in our prayers **SINÉAD HUSSEY** (nee O'Sullivan) Lissyclearig, Kenmare & Fermoy, Sneem. **RITA SHEEHAN**, Eskadour, Lauragh and **NELLIE GILL**, Kilgarvan. May he Rest in Peace.

Sat	8.00pm	Nora Riney, Killowen 1 st Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Nora O'Connor, 11 Scarteen Pk. Month's Mind
Sun	12noon	Johnny O'Sullivan-Casey, Market St. Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Denis Tuohy, Gortalassa, Kenmare. 100 th Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Private Intention
Wed	10.00am	Private Intention
Thurs	10.00am	
Fri	10.00am	Billy Lynch, Scarteen Park Anniversary

Latest Coronavirus Updates for Parish.

Welcome indeed to the long-awaited good news of the reopening of churches for liturgical celebrations. Our immediate task is to prepare our churches for safe public gathering by way of sanitisation, stewarding and ensuring the required social distancing.

We look forward to our re-opening on MONDAY, MAY 10TH. The specific details of all the current guidelines can be found on the website www.gov.ie.

- Maximum number permitted for MASSES is 50 per pod.
- Numbers at FUNERALS and WEDDINGS is capped at 50.
- Re-preparation for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, the request is not to plan any celebrations for the month of MAY.

Newsletter Available / Secure SAFE at the back of Holy Cross Church is for... 'Parish' & Priests' Dues Envelopes / Mass 'Intention' Sheets / Donations.



Mary and the Risen Christ:

We implore Mary's motherly intercession that the Church may become a home for many peoples, a mother for all peoples, that the way may be opened to the birth of a new world. It is the Risen Christ who tells us, with the power that fills us with confidence and unshakeable hope: 'Behold, I make all things new (Rev. 21.5). With Mary we advance confidently towards the fulfilment of this promise - - - (The Joy of the Gospel, 288)

MAY ~ Mary's Month

The special veneration accorded to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is one of the major distinguishing marks of Catholicism.

Mary represents the motherlove of God, the great historic insight/image that God loves us as a mother loves a new-born babe. Two of the six holydays of obligation are Marian feasts. Saturday came to be the traditional day for giving special honour to Mary.

The months of May and October are traditionally dedicated to her. The tradition of the May-Altar has a warm memory, and is a custom that is still, thankfully, alive among some Catholics.

~ Today's Sacred Scripture ~

1st Reading: This tells us about some of the trials Paul endured after his conversion. **Psalm:** To God alone is praise and worship due.

2nd Reading: Here John is reflecting on Christ's commandment of love. **Gospel:** Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to illustrate how close are the ties that bind him to his disciples.



Questions to Ponder: • How do you spread the good news?

• How do you rate yourself as a branch on Christ's vine?

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower."

Our task is not to judge the branches of the vine. That Belongs to God our Father. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit and everyone who does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. [Jn 15:2] But we have a mission, a responsibility toward the branches that we see as being barren or bearing no fruit.

First, we must renew our confidence in our Lord and the Church he gave us. Our lives are not without purpose. The Lord has placed us where we are in the world and at this very moment in its history - - - we must be faithful to the task we have been given in this time.

The question is who we are to be: men and women of faith, hope and charity, who attract others to Christ and who will accompany them on their journey of faith. Follow the wisdom of St. Francis de Sales 'a spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar' (Terrance W. Klein)

St Vincent de Paul 'Clothes Collection': There will be a Van in the Car Park (opp. Holy Cross Church) on Thurs 6th May. Items of clothing will contribute to much needed fund-raising by the society.