



KILGARVAN PARISH, CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK.

Parish Office number 087 436 4140 / Email: kilgarvan@dioceseofkerry.ie Office hours : Tuesday and Friday 10am – 1pm

Kilgarvan Parish is served by the priests of the Kenmare Pastoral Area

Fr. Niall Howard, Fr. George Hayes, and Fr. Liam O'Brien

Sat. 23rd March – Palm Sunday (Blessing of Palms): 6:00pm

Intentions: Deceased Members of the Twomey Family - Gortlahard

Mary & Ger Healy – New York City

Mick & Nance Healy – Slaheny

Deceased members of the Carroll Family - Ballinderry

John Joe O'Connor – Dublin/Coolnohill

Jeremiah (35th Anniv.) & Ena Harney (50th Anniv.) – Sunville

Holy Thursday 28th March 7pm until 10:00pm

Procession to Alter of Repose & Adoration

Good Friday 29th March 3:00pm

Unveiling of the Holy Cross with Stations of the Cross

Church will be opened until 8pm for personal prayer,

devotions and Stations of the Cross

Sat. 30th March – Confessions 11:00am

Easter Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Intention: Kathleen Quill (1st Anniversary)

Sunday Duty this weekend: Fr. John Kerin - (086)191 8246

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Mass of Chrism, Blessing of Holy Oils and Renewal of Vows by the Priests of the Diocese, will take place on Tuesday 26th of March 7pm in St. Mary's Cathedral. There will be refreshments after the Mass in St. Brendan's College refectory.

Easter Dues Collection will be taken up next Easter Weekend Sat 30th as a second collection after Communion. This supports our priests in their ministry to us. Thanks for your continued kindness

Trocaire: As we bring Lent to a close, please return your contribution to Trocaire, a sign of our Christian support to developing countries. You can

drop in your gift to the Church or Parish Office, or directly to Trocaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare or on www.trocaire.org

Reflection:

Jesus, my friend, walk with me today as I continue on my journey. Give me patience and understanding, courage and grace. Help me to be strong in body, mind and spirit, and guide me along the path of compassion and forgiveness, kindness and love. Amen

Community Notices

Applications are invited for the Position of Part Time Bus Escort at Kilgarvan Central School. The bus escort will accompany a pupil on the school bus from the pupil's home to and from school each day during the school year. The post is for 10 hours per week (2 hours per day) during term time. The bus escort is responsible for the safety of the designated child and will be required to provide additional care needs such as, but not limited to, assisting the child entering and exiting the bus, securing seat belts etc. No official qualifications are required to apply for the position, though good communication skills, and experience of working with children with special needs is desirable. The appointment is subject to Garda Vetting, occupational health check and verification of references. Please include the names of two referees and their contact details with your CV. Please forward your letter of application, CV and reference details to busesescort23@gmail.com. Closing date for the receipt of applications is Monday, 25th of March 2024 at 5pm

Kilgarvan Central School Enrolment for 2024-2025 – Application forms are available to download from our school website: www.kilgarvanschool.ie or from Kilgarvan Central School for anyone wishing to enrol their child in the school for the coming school year 2024 - 2025. Enquiries to 086 2313246.



Kilgarvan Parish Gathering in February

It came from Bishop Ray's Pastoral Letter, invitation was given to everyone through announcements at Mass and in the newsletter, approximately. 40 people attended representing their concern for the future of the parish. The people were realistic to the current state of the lack of vocations in our diocese. They were hopeful for the future as we haven't had a resident priest for two years. The priests in our pastoral area are very generous with their time and their efforts to do so much with only 3 of them for 5 parishes. We were asked to look at the following questions.

How can we organise ourselves without a resident priest?

Some Ideas that come up: Adoration during the day: Eucharistic Ministers taking Communion to the house bound. Large screen showing mass from Kenmare in various churches in Kenmare Pastoral area where Eucharistic Ministers would give out Communion in their own churches. More foreign priests. Lay person to receive remains into the church. Lay person to perform Baptisms. Weekly mass on various days of the week in various churches, not necessarily on weekends. Take Sacraments out of the schools. Every parish should have a secretary. Finance committees necessary to keep churches open. Every parish should encourage financial support every week to continue to keep churches open with envelopes being returned to own parish if dropped into mass in another church. Masses, celebrations rotating if possible in other churches. Informal cup of tea or coffee after Mass for community fraternity. Stronger role for women ie. ordain women priests. Married priests. Lapsed priests to return to ministry. Independent groups to organise prayer services. Perform Baptisms for many children on certain dates. Lay people to lead prayer. Folk masses with more contemporary music.

Where do we see co-operating with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?

Some Ideas: Go to various sacraments in neighbouring parishes on a rotating basis should help to keep as many churches open as possible. Baptisms organised centrally every quarter. Other parishes come to us when we organise prayer meetings or services

What ministry do we want from the priests?

Some Ideas: All groups agreed that we want priests for the sacraments, weekly Mass, Anointing /Sacrament of the Sick, Funerals, Confessions, Marriages, Baptisms, First Communion and First Confessions, Confirmation. Allow priests to retire when they want to, despite lack of priests in the diocese. Current retirement age is 75. Publish where and when masses are available in pastoral area so parishioners are fully aware of the choice of services they have in their own area.

Thanks to all for attending the meeting, great to see the interest & energy.