

Holy Cross Church



Holy Cross was consecrated in 1864. It was built by Fr. John O'Sullivan who is buried in front of Our Lady's altar. The most notable internal features of the building are the ornate chancel, the organ and the carved roof.

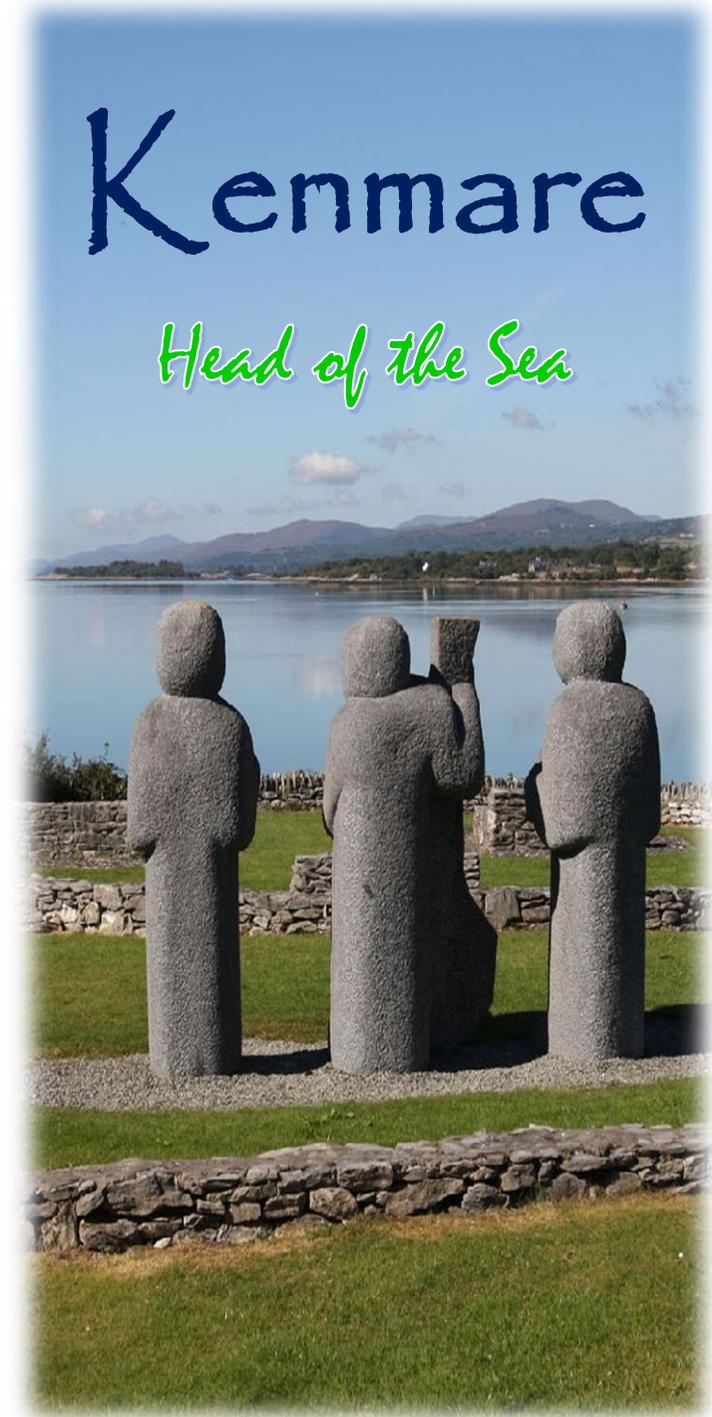
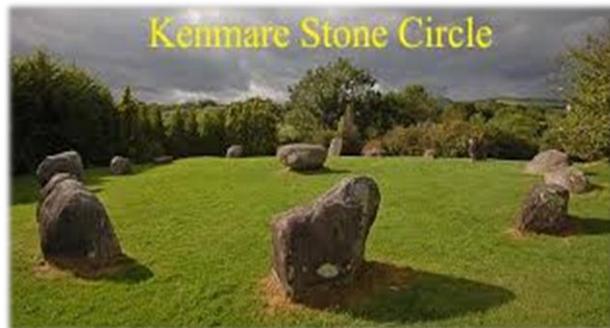
Town Attractions



The colourful town of Kenmare has a selection of unique boutiques and shops. It is known as the gourmet capital of Ireland with its vast range of eateries featuring fine dining and family restaurants.



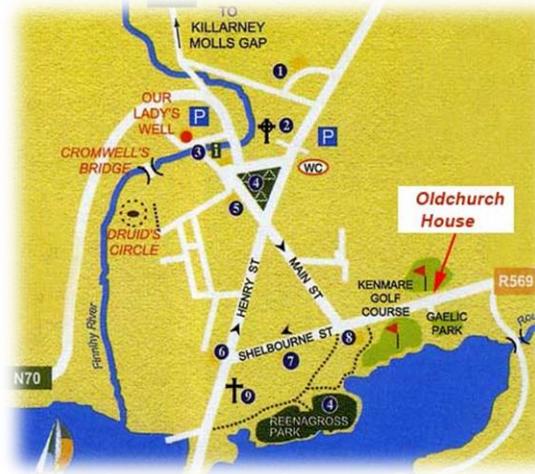
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Idyllic Location

Kenmare is situated in the South West of Ireland on the internationally famous 'Ring of Kerry'. The town nestles amongst the Macgillycuddy Reeks, Mangerton and Caha Mountains which are such a striking feature of the landscape. The name Kenmare is the anglicised form of Ceann Mara meaning Head of the Sea referring to the head of Kenmare Bay where the town lies.

Town History



In 1775, the First Marquess of Lansdowne, Sir William Petty planned the layout of Kenmare town which is one of the first planned towns in Ireland. The three main streets that form a triangle are Main Street, Henry Street and Shelbourne Street. Kenmare is historically renowned for its Kenmare Lace, Stone Circle and Suspension Bridge.



Our School

St. John's National School is a mixed Primary school with over 400 pupils and 30 Staff. We are a Catholic school and welcome pupils from all faiths and nationalities. It was opened in 2012 when St. Francis Boys National School and St. Clare's Girls National School amalgamated.



Local Produce

Every Wednesday there is a market in Kenmare. At this market, local products are sold. The market takes place in the Square and has a very friendly atmosphere. Local produce such as fresh vegetables, potatoes, cheeses and breads can be bought here.

