

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr. Tom Crean, Parish Priest.

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Sunday, 1st August 2021 ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Today we celebrate the last Masses with Fr. Tom Crean before welcoming Fr. George Hayes as our new Parish Priest next weekend.

On behalf of all the people of KENMARE PARISH whose lives were touched by FR TOM CREAN, who has been our hard-working and dedicated PARISH PRIEST for the past 17 years, (2004-2021) we wish him many more years of good health, happiness, and a very happy retirement. *Go raibh míle maith agat, agus rath Dé ort!*

Direendaragh: Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm. / Templenoe: Sun: 10.45am.		
Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions this week.		
Sat	8.00pm	Mona & Ted O'Donoghue Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Mairead & Dermot Donovan, Main St. Anniversary
Sun	12noon	MASS OF FAREWELL ~ FR. TOM CREAN
Mon	10.00am	Hilda & Douglas Llambias Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Joy Murphy Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Michael O'Shea, Scarteen Park Anniversary
Thur	10.00am	Jim & Rita Downing, Emmet's Place Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	James & Joan O'Shea, Gortamullen Anniversary
Confessions ~ every Saturday between 12noon and 12.30pm		

RECENT DEATHS: We remember in our prayers **KIERAN O'SHEA**, Monroe, New York. *(son of the late Stephen O'Shea, Letter Molls' Gap, Kenmare)*

BREDA O'SULLIVAN (nee O'Mahony) Lackeen, Blackwater who was buried during the week. **May they Rest in Peace.**

Legion of Mary: To celebrate the 100 yrs of the LEGION OF MARY on 7th Sept., There will be an online worldwide consecration to Jesus through Mary on 8th Sept., preceded by 33 days of preparation (5th Aug-5th Sept.) Nightly at 8 p.m. Zoom. ID: 8114083503 Password: 876433.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service – currently requiring volunteers as facilitators – contact Aisling 01 5053112 / email info@accord.ie. Closing date 27th August.

COVID-19 UPDATE: WEDDINGS: From Thursday August 5th, the maximum number of guests permitted to attend a wedding will increase from 50 to 100 people (protected measures apply).

FUNERALS: The number of mourners permitted at funeral services is 50 people, regardless of size of venue. **BAPTISMS:** From Thursday August 5th Baptism services may proceed and Parishes may take new bookings for Baptisms – phone The Presbytery 064 6641352.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS: Ceremonies should not take place at this time.



Farewell from Fr. Tom Crean

PRAYERFUL GREETINGS TO YOU AND YOURS AS I DEPART KENMARE PARISH.

Scripture says, there is an appointed time for everything under the sun. For 17 years my calling has been to serve God's honour and the needs of His people here. My thanks and blessings on all you who have sustained me in this holy task by your talents, time and skills, your example and your prayer.

Once more I want to express my sincere, heartfelt appreciation to all Kenmare parishioners, to all our noble Parish Committees and Community groups, to the Pobalscoil, to our National Schools, Boards, Staff, Children and Parents, and to the generous groups of parish volunteers at Kenmare, Templenoe and Direendaragh, and the Parish Office, who journeyed with me. I have been sustained and supported by your prayers, continuing goodwill and patience with my shortcomings.

I deeply appreciate that so many have wished me well as I journey on to wherever God's Spirit will lead me. I hope I will be in your prayers as you will be in mine.

And so, I exit and say farewell. I borrow the words of Cassius to Brutus at Philippi; *"Forever and forever, farewell! If we do meet again, we'll smile indeed; If not, 'tis true this parting was well made.*



Today's Sacred Scripture: 1st Reading. In the desert days the people of Israel lose heart and begin to moan. The Lord responds by giving them their daily bread.

Plasm: This saving event becomes a sign for the ages. God gave them manna to eat. **2nd Reading:** Paul urges the Ephesians to live lives that are in keeping with their baptismal calling. **Gospel:** Jesus declares that he himself is the true sign that God continues to feed God's people on their way in the world of today.

Ponder : Jesus compares himself to the manna from heaven (1st Reading) calling himself the bread from heaven, sent by the Father to sustain and nourish. We are invited to think of ways we can tend to the spiritual needs of ourselves and others.

THE GARDEN AT THE WATER MARGIN, CAPPANACUSH, TEMPLENOE – will be open to the public this weekend Sun/Mon. 1st & 2nd Aug. 2-5pm in Aid of THE SIMON COMMUNITY FOR THE HOMELESS. Do come along and support this worthy cause!

Holiday-makers - - - we pray for all who are on holidays at this time. May they return home safely and refreshed, and with new insight into the blessings they have in their family and friends.

There is no Offertory Collection taken up at Masses. Please use the Baskets or Secure Safe for your offering!

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