

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr. George Hayes, Parish Priest.

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Sunday, 8th August 2021 ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

RECENT DEATHS:

Cornelius (Curley) Murphy, Rose Cottage, Kenmare. **Pat O’Sullivan**, Neasden, London (*brother of Ella Godfrey*). **Michael Peter Crowley**, Dunkerron, 6 Racecourse Lawn Tralee & UK. (*son of Tomás & Jennifer Crowley*) – Funeral Arrangements later.

Eleanor O’Donoghue, Melbourne, Australia & late of Gortamullen, Kenmare.

A Private Family Funeral will take place for Eleanor with Requiem Mass on Saturday 14th August at 11am in Holy Cross Church. Burial of Ashes in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Direendaragh Sat: 6.30pm. Patrick (Pakie) & Kathleen Doyle, Scarteen. Anniversary			
Templenoë : Sun: 10.45am. <i>for the people of the parish</i>			
Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions this week.			
Sat	8.00pm	Jeremiah & Eileen O’Shea, Scarteen, Blackwater.	Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	John O’Neill, Mucksna	1 st Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Johnny Horgan, Gortamullen	Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Annie & James O’Sullivan, Dromcahan	Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Michael Moore, Kenmare & London	Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Bobby Hanley, Lissyclearig	Anniversary
Thur	10.00am	Diarmuid Doyle, Ashgrove	Month’s Mind
Fri	10.00am	Una Fennessy, Ballinacurra, Limerick	1 st Anniversary
Sat	11.00am	Eleanor O’Donoghue, Melbourne & Gortamullen.	Requiem Mass
Confessions ~ every Saturday between 12noon and 12.30pm			

✦ **WELCOME TO FR. GEORGE HAYES:** As we bade farewell to Fr. Tom Crean the parish welcomes our new parish priest Fr. George Hayes. May he know the strength of God’s Spirit as he negotiates this important transition in his personal and priestly life. We pray God’s blessing on him as he lives out his calling to serve God’s honour and His people’s need here in Kenmare. May he, and all of us, be richly graced as he leads us to worship and to witness to Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROSARY AT OUR LADY’S WELL: The Rosary will be recited at OUR LADY’S WELL every evening at 7.30pm. What a beautiful gift to give our Blessed Mother. Everyone welcome!
Due to Covid-19 the Annual Mass usually celebrated around this time of year is cancelled.

Pastor’s Ponderings

It’s been a hectic week. I arrived c 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon with the car packed with some of my belongings. It had been a busy time, over recent weeks, trying to conclude in the parish of Glenflesk, where I ministered for the past five years. So, on Wednesday night, I was pretty exhausted. But sleep is restorative, and I slept soundly here in the presbytery in Dromneavane. And on rising early on Thursday morning, I looked out the window, with the enchanting view down toward the town of Kenmare, and what did I see? A little fawn with two adult deer grazing contentedly. It brought to mind the line from scripture “*like the deer that years for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God*” (Psalm 42). I love nature and, in Kerry, we are blessed to live in one of the beautiful parts of God’s creation. I will savour these environs and the beauty of hill and mountain, sky, and bay.

Over the past number of years, I write these ponderings weekly for the parish newsletter.

The writings are simply a stream of consciousness and vary from a reflection on life, a book I’ve read or a quotation I’ve seen, an experience I’ve had or a thought I’ve believed is worth sharing. The reflection takes in the scriptures and a life of faith, but the writings are not based exclusively on religious matters. I keep my engagement with scripture to my homilies at mass each weekend – during the week, I like to offer a two-minute reflection on the scripture at our celebration of Mass.

So now it is time to begin the journey together. I hope you will be ready for the adventure. This weekend we will greet each other and say hello. May God bless all that we will do in the years ahead. May the Spirit of God help us to discern God’s call to us in our lives. We will comfort and console each other in times of sorrow. We will laugh and delight in moments of joy. We will walk together. In all things, let the living Lord be in our hearts.

(Fr. George Hayes)

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

Youth 2000 Summer Retreats: Munster Area will take place in Limerick, Cork & Waterford 13th-15th August. Bookings through Yourth2000 Office at 000ice@youth2000.ie or 016753690.

Holiday Makers/Visitors:

We wish you peace and healthy fun and time with your family/friends. May you especially experience the God who is the source of true happiness and reconciliation with yourself and others. May you glimpse his fingerprint in the ocean, the sky, the mountains, and the whole of creation of this countryside, whatever the weather.

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