

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr. George Hayes, Parish Priest.

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Sunday, 15th August 2021 ~ Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Live Streaming of Masses via our website – www.kenmareparish.com



*We welcome all among us who are visiting our town
 these days for the
 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*



RECENT DEATHS

We remember in our prayers **ELEANOR O'DONOGHUE**, Melbourne & late of Gortamullen, and **JACKIE CAHILL**, Killarney Road & Henry St. Kenmare, who were buried during the week. **May they Rest in Peace!**

Direendaragh Sat: 6.30pm. Joan & Denis Cremin, Inishfea, Blackwater ... Anniversary		
Templenoë: Sun: 10.45am. Chris Randles & Anne Burkley Anniversary		
Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions this week.		
Sat	8.00pm	Denis 'Square' Riney & Denis Lynch, Killowen Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Kathy & Jimmy Lehane, Dromatouk Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Rita & Paddy Corkery, The Sound, Kenmare Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Briget & Cornelius O'Shea, Greenlane Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Philip O'Sullivan, Carhumeengar Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Owen O'Sullivan, Dromneavane Anniversary
Thur	10.00am	Tadgh & Mai O'Connor, Scarteen Park Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Michael Lynch, Railway Road Anniversary
Confessions ~ every Saturday between 12noon and 12.30pm		

- **Sick & Retired Priests Collection:** The recent collection amounted to €1,472.00 – your contribution is very much appreciated.
- **Summer Dues 2021** - Thank you if you have already sent in your 'summer dues' envelope. We continue to be dependent on and grateful for your continued support.
- **Higher Diploma in Theological Studies, St Patrick's College, Maynooth.** Interested? Find out more online at maynoothcollege.ie/courses. Commencing – 24th Sept., 21.

Pastoral Message - from Bishop Ray Browne

A sincere 'thank you' to every parish for the level of financial support given during the pandemic. It is sad that so many people have been deprived of the opportunity to gather for **Weekend Mass** over the past 18 months. Not everyone has found it a positive experience praying on their own and joining in Mass via the internet. Hopefully, it will not be long until the restrictions are lifted, and all are free to gather to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in thanksgiving. Together we will pray again the words, "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, it will become for us the Bread of Life."

Hopefully before long it will be possible to safely celebrate **First Communions and Confirmations**. The postponement has been very frustrating. It is important that in the weeks ahead, the families and children involved are faithful to prayer in the home and regular participation in Mass in the parish, to be spiritually prepared for these sacraments.

Thank you to one and all for your contributions to the life of your parish over the past 18 months. May the pandemic have led to many of us appreciating our local parish community even more. Continue to look out for and support one another in the community and let us pray for one another. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, Pray for Us. (+Ray Browne / 10th Aug 2021)

Pastor's Ponderings



Following the conclusion of the Olympics last week, I read somewhere that the motto of the Olympics, *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (Faster, Higher, Stronger) was first used by a Dominican priest, Fr. Henri Didon, at the opening ceremony of a school sports day in 1881. It was later adopted by Pierre de Coubertin, the Olympics founder, who was present on the day, as the Olympics motto in 1894. On the Olympics theme, I was listening to an interview in the aftermath of the gold medal win by the Skibbereen rowers, Paul O'Donovan and Fintan McCarthy. McCarthy's sister was being interviewed about her brother's magnificent achievement. On being queried by the interviewer, she told us that Fintan had no interest in sport until he was c. 15 years of age. He wasn't interested in football, hurling or soccer but in his mid-teenage years, he discovered an interest in rowing. I thought isn't that marvellous. What we need to do is to encourage each person to find their particular skill and nurture that. That really is the guiding philosophy of St. Benedict. He says that we all have gifts, and we should search to discover what each one of us is good at. Someone could be a great cook. Another loves to play the piano or write poems. Someone else can build anything. Another loves science. Someone is great at organising. Another has a passion for caring. One of our tasks in life is to discover our gift, develop that gift and share it with the community. Our inclination sometimes can be to look at another person and to think how talented they are. And we live in a world where social media presents the best side of everyone – people are photographed in the perfect kitchen or having a perfect holiday on a perfect beach or living the ideal life. But you'd wonder is that always real? So, let's try to discover our particular gift and let's try to use that at the service of God and the community. When I am talking to the children in primary school, I always say to them, no one else has your fingerprint. No one else in the world has your thumbprint. Each one of us is unique. In the week ahead, let's thank God for all that we've been given...and let's discover and nurture that gift!

(FR. GEORGE HAYES)

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 Parish Envelopes ... Priests' Dues Envelopes ... Mass 'Intention' Sheets.