

**Kenmare Parish ~ Fr. George Hayes, Parish Priest.**

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**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Live Streaming of Masses via our website – www.kenmareparish.com**

**Recent Death**

We remember in our prayers **MARGARET (PEGGY) CORKERY**, Gleninchaquin Park, Tuosist who died during the week. May she Rest in Peace!

**Direendaragh:** Saturday, Mass 6.30pm. / **Templenoe:** Sun: Mass 10.45am.

**Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions this week.**

Sat	8.00pm	Fr. Con Cronin, Passage West, Cork & Borlin, Bantry. Month's Mind
Sun	9.30am	Denis Cronin, Our Lady's Bridge, Kenmare ..... Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Michéal MacGearailt, Killowen, Kenmare ..... Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Michael & Bridget Hearty and Tom & Laura Larkin Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Dolly McCarthy, 22 Main Street, Kenmare ..... Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
Thur	10.00am	Stephen O'Shea, Monroe, N.Y. & Letter, Molls Gap Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	

**Confessions in Holy Cross Church ~ every Saturday between 12noon and 12.30pm**

**CHURCH NOTICES**

The Sacraments of **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** and **CONFIRMATION**, for the pupils of St. John's N.S. & Cahir N.S. Kenmare, are scheduled to take place in Holy Cross Church, Kenmare, as follows:

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.**
- **CONFIRMATION on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021.**

Times for the ceremonies will be advised during the coming week. Let us continue to pray for the candidates for these sacraments and their families.

**From Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, the two-pod system for weekend Masses in Holy Cross Church will no longer be in use. The church can accommodate up to half its normal capacity.**

- The usual measures still apply: the wearing of facemasks, hand sanitising and social distancing guidelines must be adhered to.
- Please sit only in the designated seats, and follow the directions of the ushers on arrival, going to Holy Communion and leaving the church.

**Pastor's Ponderings**

I'm conscious as I write this that tomorrow, Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Twin Towers bombing in 2001. I visited the twin towers when I worked in New York as a young student in the summer of 1984 on one of the great J-1 student visas. During the week, I read a marvellous article on a family who lost their much-loved eldest son, Bobby, in the bombing. The article was beautifully written. It captured the devastation which parents experience when they lose a child. The young man, who was twenty-six, at the time, had proposed to his girlfriend a few days before. His diaries told of his great love for his parents and his gratitude for all they had done for him. The writer of the article captured the emotion, the tragedy, the incredible loss which that family experienced because of the untimely death of their beloved son and brother. Over my years in ministry, I've come to realise that, for parents to bury a child, is probably one of the greatest experiences of pain which we can know as human beings. The loss is incalculable, immeasurable, bordering on unbearable. But as one parent wisely said to me "*you never get over it; you learn to live with it*". And the wheel of life turns, and it is possible for people to experience joy once again. I've seen that too – where people have been able to live life to the fullest even after experiencing the death of a loved one. The article has some joy in it too – Bobby, had a younger brother, Jeff, who now has four children himself. The grandchildren have brought life and joy into the lives of their devoted grandparents. And Bobby's mother had that marvellous insight – "*wasn't I blessed to have Bobby as part of my life for twenty-six years*". So, as we commemorate that fateful day in 2001, let's hold our families and loved ones close to us. Let's realise how precious those people are to us. And let's always be grateful to God for the blessings of those lives that enable us to thrive. (Fr. George Hayes)

**CHANGE OF MASS TIMES IN KENMARE PARISH w/e of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.,**

MASS TIMES: Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept., Templenoe Church: .... Mass at 6.00pm  
Holy Cross Church: .... Mass at 7.30pm  
Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept., Holy Cross Church: .... Mass at 9am & 12noon

*Your understanding, assistance and co-operating in the introduction of the new Mass Times is much appreciated.*

- **Recovery Haven Kerry (Cancer Support Charity)** will host a 6-wk online course for those supporting a loved one with cancer starting 14<sup>th</sup> September and will run weekly via Zoom, 10.30am – 1pm. To Register ☎ 066 7192122.
- **Guided Pilgrimages on Lough Derg Pilgrim Path** will be offered on 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. 12km and 8km options. Booking essential – info@loughderg.org / ☎ 071 9861518.
- **On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept**, the Diocese of Kerry Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee invite you to '*Restoring Our Common Home... Webinar, Caring for God's Creatures*' as part of Season of Creation 2021. To register for this free hour-long webinar please log on to [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

There is no OFFERTORY COLLECTION taken up during SUNDAY MASSES. You can use the basket, at exit doors of the church, where you may leave your offering.

~ 'SECURE SAFE' at the back of Holy Cross Church. ~