

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr. George Hayes, Parish Priest.

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Sunday, 7th November 2021 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Recent Deaths: We remember in our prayers **JOAN O’CONNOR**, Shanara, Beaufort, (*sister of Mary Murphy, Kilmurry*), **RAY O’SHEA**, Killarney Road, Kenmare & Ladies View, Killarney and **ELIZABETH ‘LIZ’ HALLISSEY**, London & Gortnacurra, Kenmare, who funeral Masses were held during the week.

May they Rest in Peace.

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| Templenoe Church: Sat (6 th) Mass at 6.00pm NOVEMBER MASS for the Holy Souls | | |
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| Direendarragh: Monday, 8th Nov. at 7.30pm – NOVEMBER MASS for the Holy Souls | | |
| <i>Saturday, 13th Nov. 6.00pm. John & Bridie Sheehan, Direen. Anniversary</i> | | |
| Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions this week. | | |
| Sat | 7.30pm | Margaret McCarthy, Kilcurrane Anniversary |
| Sun | 9.00am | Toni O’Connor, Ardmore Hse. Kenmare Anniversary |
| Sun | 12noon | NOVEMBER MASS for the Holy Souls |
| Mon | 10.00am | NOVEMBER MASS for the Holy Souls |
| Tues | 10.00am | Danny O’Connor Derrynacoulagh & Australia Anniversary |
| Wed | 10.00am | Denis & Detty O’Sullivan, Bonane & Westmeath ... Anniversary |
| Thurs | 11.00am | Sr. Malachy O’Farrell, Newry & late of Kenmare. 1 st Anniversary |
| Fri | 10.00am | Michael Keane Anniversary |
| Sat (13 th) | 7.30pm | Noel O’Brien, Hawthorn Hse & Cummers, Lauragh. Anniversary |
| CONFESSIONS in Holy Cross Church ~ every Saturday between 12noon and 12.30pm | | |

| <i>31st Oct 2021</i> | <i>Offertory</i> | <i>Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes</i> | <i>Total</i> |
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| Direendarragh | € 38 | € 41 | € 79 |
| Kenmare | € 350 | € 1,271 | € 1,621 |

New Templenoe Cemetery Mass, scheduled for next Saturday, 13th November, has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Rosary in Holy Cross Church every evening at 7.00pm ... all welcome!

TRÓCAIRE: This weekend (6th & 7th Nov) a ‘Special Collection’ will be taken up for the needs of people in Ethiopia & South Sudan.

The date coincides with the world meeting in Glasgow on climate change and thus enables us to show solidarity with this vital cause, and to highlight the work of Trócaire regarding climate change. Please be as generous as you can.

Knock Basilica: Requiem Mass on Sunday 14th November.

On Sunday 14th November the 3pm Mass at the Knock Basilica will be offered for all who died in Ireland over the past 20 months, since Covid-19 first reached our shores. Many bishops hope to gather with the Archbishop of Tuam to concelebrate. People can join in the Mass via the Knock shrine website. Throughout November all parishes have their own customs for remembering loved ones who have died. This year all will be mindful of how difficult it has been for everyone to celebrate a funeral amid Covid-19 restrictions.

Together Again – Appreciating the Eucharist

Fr Nicholas Flynn will reflect on the gift of the Eucharist in an online webinar on Thursday Nov 11th 8.00pm – 8.30pm. This evening offers all of us a chance to renew our appreciation for the Eucharist. It will be especially relevant to those who are Eucharistic Ministers in our parishes. For more information and to register, check out www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Irish Suicide Bereavement Survey: The National Suicide Research Foundation (NSRF) and Healing Untold Grief Groups (HUGG) have launched the first national study of adults bereaved or affected by suicide in Ireland.

You can find out more and access the survey by visiting www.hugg.ie/suicide-bereavement-survey. You will also find a link to the survey on the diocesan website.

Pastor’s Ponderings

November is the month when we remember our loved ones. As a priest, you regularly find yourself in a graveyard. Graveyards are not morbid places for me. Rather, graveyards and graves are a reminder that life is a gift from God and that each day we are given is a gift. When you visit a graveyard, you see headstones recording the names of people who lived to a great age...and then you see the headstones recording those who died in the prime of their lives...lives cut short. A graveyard is a reminder to us then that there is more to life than simply the life that we live on this earth. For those who believe in Jesus Christ, there is a belief in the life to come. As Scripture reminds us, we should live our lives with an eye on the life that is to come. Not that we shouldn't live our life on this earth to the full. We should live every day to the full because God has gifted us this life. But we should also realise that so much of this life is passing...our desire for possessions, our quest for influence and power, our wish to leave monuments that celebrate our memory. All will pass away and what remains is how much we have tried to do good...and doing good is about acts of kindness, acts of love, acts where we strive to build a better world. The thing about building God's kingdom is that it is all done very quietly and without any fanfare. It is the slow action of being faithful. Getting up every day to try to do good. We build a world of justice and a world of love and a world of peace...in the simple acts of respect and kindness, in our tolerance and willingness to understand our own faults and the failings of others, in training ourselves every day to be people of gratitude. Let's give thanks to God for all our loved ones who have died. Let us pray to them and for them during these November days. And may the week ahead enable us to savour life, rejoice in life and be grateful to God for being alive. (Fr. George Hayes)