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Sunday, 14th November 2021 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In November, remembering our deceased priests, and all who died in our parishes throughout 2021, we pray:

“May the divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace”.

Direendarragh: Saturday, 13th Nov. 6.00pm. John & Bridie Sheehan, Direen. Anniversary

Templenoe Church. Next Mass: Sat. 20th Nov at 6pm. NOVEMBER Mass for the Holy Souls

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions this week.

Sat	7.30pm	Noel O’Brien, Hawthorne House, Shelbourne St. Anniversary
Sun	9.00am	November Mass for the Holy Souls
Sun	12noon	John A. Sullivan, Ashgrove, Kenmare Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	John O’Sullivan, Watford, UK & late of Doughill. 1 st Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Margaret O’Leary, Kilcurrane Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Charley McCarthy & John Shea R.I.P.
Thurs	10.00am	Donie O’Sullivan, Bonane & London Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Fr. Pat Sullivan & Phil Tierney, Killowen Anniversary
Fri	7.30pm	November Mass for all died in the parish during the past year.
Sat (20 th)	7.30pm	Tommy & Esther Harrington, Lower Reen. Anniversary

CONFESSIONS in Holy Cross Church ~ Saturday between 12noon and 12.30pm

Rosary in Holy Cross Church every evening at 7.00pm

6 th & 7 th Nov	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Templenoe	€ 38	€ 41	€ 79
Kenmare	€ 350	€ 1271	€ 1,621

NOVEMBER MASS for all who died in the parish during the past year

will be celebrated in HOLY CROSS CHURCH, KENMARE, on

Friday, 19th November, at 7.30pm.

Anyone who has had a bereavement, in the past year, is especially invited.

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We thank all who have returned your November List and Offering. These lists are placed in front of the altar during all Masses for the Holy Souls during the month of November.

Trócaire Special Collection – 6th/7th November.

A sincere word of thanks to all who so generously contributed to the Special Trócaire Collection last weekend which amounted to €2,940.00.

Sadly, the need for basic food supplies in parts of East Africa is enormous.

You can still contribute by putting your donation in an envelope marked TRÓCAIRE and drop into the ‘Secure’ SAFE at the back of Holy Cross Church.

Let us love, not with words but with deeds.

Today, Sunday, 14th November 2021, marks the 5th WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, initiated by Pope Francis in 2017 with the theme of “Let us love, not with words but with deeds. Our Holy Father calls us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need, through loving acts of kindness and charity.

Listening to the word of God:

Jane Mellett, author of *The Deep End*, will help us to listen better to God’s word in our Webinar on Thursday, 18th Nov. from 8 - 8.30pm. This evening offers all of us a chance to reflect on how we might hear what God is saying to us.

It will be especially relevant to those who are MINISTERS OF THE WORD in our parishes. More info and to register look up - - - www.dioceseofkerry.ie.

Pastor’s Ponderings

St. John of the Cross was a Spanish Carmelite priest, mystic and writer who lived from 1542 to 1591. He is one of thirty-six doctors of the Church, a title which is reserved for those saints whose spiritual insights are regarded as having particular brilliance. John of the Cross was a contemporary of that other great Spanish mystic and reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. The most famous of John of the Cross’ works is *Dark Night of the Soul*, in which he describes the stages of spiritual maturity. One of the thoughts found in those writings is that “*God refuses to be known but can only be loved*”. It really is a tremendous insight. It reminds us that we can think of God intellectually. We can wonder about the nature of God. Theologians can talk about God and develop our understanding of God. But we cannot really come to God by knowing in an academic way...we can only come to God through love. The Gospels constantly remind us that God is love and so to get to know God we have to allow our hearts be moved. We cannot really know God intellectually. We can only know God in the depths of our hearts. And someone might ask, well how do I do that? I always say one of the best ways to get to know God is to sit silently in the presence of God...a wonderful thing to do is to sit silently in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We can do that every time we come into the Church because the blessed sacrament is present in the Tabernacle. The Lord is present to us. Another wonderful way is to pray in silence and adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. In these moments, we can sit silently and just try to be present to the Lord...some people might like to repeat a short prayer, *O God come to my aid...* or simply repeat the name *Jesus* or the short phrase *Have mercy on me a sinner*. Sometimes a line from the psalms comes into my mind “*O God, you are my God for you I long*” or “*Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord*”. The important thing is to grow into being quiet and just being in God’s presence. I often say that praying may not bring about any outward change in how we feel...but praying changes us from inside. Prayer softens us and enlightens us and transforms us. In the week ahead, let’s try to quieten ourselves and grow into the God *who can only be loved.* (Fr. George Hayes)