

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

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**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**RECENT DEATH:**

We remember in our prayers **Daniel (Dan) O’Sullivan**, Gortagass, Kenmare, who died during the week. May he Rest in Peace.

**Direendarragh:** Mass on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Sheila, Denis & Catherine O’Neill. Anniversary.  
**Templeno Church:** Next Mass on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm.

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

Sat	7.30pm	NOVEMBER MASS for the Holy Souls
Sun	9.00am	NOVEMBER MASS for the Holy Souls
Sun	12noon	John & Mary Hourihan, Cappach & Michael O’Connor, Lacca. Anniv.
Mon	10.00am	Sheila & Denis Dan O’Sullivan & family members ... .. Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	John O’Shea, Graigue-na-Greine ..... Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Matthew O’Sullivan, New Jersey & late of Gortalinny Nth. R.I.P.
Thurs	10.00am	Martin & Cissie Crushell, Killowen & Henry Street ..... Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Mary & Matilda Donovan, The Square, Kenmare ..... Anniversary
Sat (4 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	7.30pm	Ray O’Shea, Ashgrove Hse. Killarney Road ..... Month’s Mind.

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

**Rosary in Holy Cross Church every evening at 7.00pm**

	<i>Offertory</i>	<i>Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes</i>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Templeno</b>	€ 37	€ 40	<b>€ 77</b>
<b>Kenmare</b>	€ 344	€ 929	<b>€ 1,273</b>

**CONFIRMATION 2022: Proposed date is set for Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

**Online Pre-Sacramental Preparation talk for Parents:** The Diocese of Kerry will be hosting an online event for the parents of children going forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The talk is presented by Dr Patricia Kieran and titled ...CONFIRMATION JOURNEYING WITH YOUR CHILD on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

**To register: email [desbailey@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:desbailey@dioceseofkerry.ie) / ☎ 064 6632644**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022 – Proposed date ... Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**



**9 Day Rosary Novena for Ireland**

We are inviting you to join in a 9-DAY ROSARY NOVENA beginning Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November and ending on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

People all over Ireland will pray the Rosary together each evening at 9pm. On the final evening at 9pm on Radio Maria the Primate of All Ireland Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the final Rosary live. If you are gathering to pray in groups, we encourage you to gather safely adhering to local Covid 19 regulations.

***Pastor’s Ponderings***

*Don't count the days, make the days count* is a caption I came across during the week. It is marvellous to encounter people who are positive and make the most of life. They build up our days and our lives. I remember a significant person in my life, who was a big influence on me, who could always see the best in everything...her attitude always found that which was positive...when it was raining, the rain would be good for the fields, when the sun was shining, it would help the grass to grow, when it was cold, it would help our health, when it was warm, it would build up our Vitamin D. Having a positive outlook on life is indeed a gift from God. But an even greater gift than optimism is Hope. Hope is a Christian virtue. It differs from optimism because, even in the most difficult of life’s struggles, hope believes that God's love will overcome all difficulty, all evil, all that is traumatic and all that makes life challenging. Hope is connected to a life of faith and so our hope can be said to come from the person of Jesus Christ. And the season we begin this weekend, the season of Advent, is also a season of hope, a time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ into our hearts in a new way at Christmas 2021. I’ve always loved the season of Advent. There’s a wonderful sense of expectancy, of longing, of waiting. And the readings and liturgy of Advent are a reminder of hope and its importance in our lives. So let’s not let these weeks of Advent pass by without preparing our spirits and our souls for the Hope that Christ offers to us in His coming into our hearts at Christmas. Then Advent will truly have meant something. (Fr. George Hayes)

**BLACKWATER WOMEN’S GROUP - Photography Exhibition:** on display in the Carnegie Arts Centre Kenmare during Nov – Dec. Admission Free. Viewing times; Wed, 2-6pm, Thurs & Fri 10am - 5 pm & Sat 2-6pm. Prints are for sale & would make a perfect Christmas present. Proceeds towards the upkeep of Defibrillators & Insurance costs.

**ALONE** is a national organisation that strives to enable older people to age at home, safely and securely, for as long as they wish. We work with all older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, frail or ill, homeless, living in poverty, or are facing other difficulties. **ALONE** is encouraging older people who need advice of if you have concerns about your wellbeing call **ALONE** on 0818 222 024 8am-8pm. **ALONE** are currently seeking volunteers for the Kenmare Area. See [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) for more info.