

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr George Hayes, Parish Priest.

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Sunday, 2nd January 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Recent Deaths:

We remember in our prayers **SEÁN O'SHEA**, Melrose House, Gortamullen, Kenmare and **ANN MARIE SULLIVAN**, Ashgrove, Kenmare and Warsaw, Indiana, U.S.A. whose funerals took place during the week. **May they Rest in Peace.**

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Templeno Church: Next Mass on Saturday 8 th January at 6.00pm		
Mass Intentions : Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.		
Sat	7.30pm	Tom Foley, The Marshes, Roughty Bridge. Month's Mind
Sun	9.00am	Denis Crowley, Killowen Road Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Peggy Fitzgibbon, Scarteen Park 1 st Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	No Morning Mass
Tues	10.00am	Bernadette Tomason, USA & Kenmare Remembrance
Wed	10.00am	Norah McCarthy, Dromneavane Anniversary
Wed	7.30pm	Elizabeth 'Lily' & Edward O'Sullivan, Courthouse Bar. "
Thurs	10.00am	Dan O'Sullivan, Gortagass Month's Mind
Fri	10.00am	John Henry & Bridie Harrington Anniversary

Thursday, 6th January, is the Feast of the Epiphany

and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times as follows: -

Wed. 5th Jan. Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. / **Thurs. 6th Jan.** Mass at 10.00am

A particular word of thanks to so many, who contribute so much, in so many different ways, to the life of our Parish. It is through our support for each other and in our generous giving of our talents and gifts that we serve the message of Jesus Christ.

For all that our volunteers have done and continue to do, we are hugely grateful. Know that your contribution is immensely appreciated. May the Lord bless all of you for your kindness.

Diocesan Mission 2022

The Diocese will hold a Mission from Jan 16th – 19th. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission talk, Prayer, Mass, Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time.

Speakers include: Oisín McConville, Kate Liffey, Fr Sean McDonagh and Miriam Kerins Hussey.

Register for the upcoming Mission, 'Moving Forward in Hope' on

www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Wishing you every blessing for the coming year....may the light of Christ illumine your life.

Pastor's Ponderings

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I was listening to a radio programme during the week which mentioned the life of the soccer player, Raheem Sterling. To be honest, I enjoy sport, but I don't really follow soccer. Anyway, Sterling is regarded as one of the great players of his generation. What captivated me about the broadcast was that it spoke about all the sacrifices Sterling's mother made to help the young Raheem live his dream. As a young single mother, Raheem's mother had moved to the U.K. from Jamaica after his father was murdered – she worked in a job as a cleaner and often brought Raheem and his older sister along with her when engaged in her cleaning jobs in hotels. She later trained to be a nurse. But on those jobs, Raheem's mother told of how her young children would help her with the cleaning and if they found any loose coins left as tips, they would bring the money directly to her. A treat was a snack from the hotel vending machine. But what struck me in the interview was how Raheem's mother constantly thanked and praised God for all that God had done for her and for her family. A woman who had overcome adversity frequently mentioned God as a source of blessing and strength. It made me think of all the blessings I have had in my own life and all the people who have been part of that blessing. As 2021 draws to a close and as 2022 is upon us, perhaps it is a good time to take a few minutes to remember all those people who have been a blessing in our lives. And let's give thanks to God for their influence and their presence in our lives.

The other story which struck me was an interview with a grandmother in the United States whose two grandchildren had survived a devastating tornado which killed 78 people in Kentucky. As the tornado bore down on her house, and with no basement in which to shelter, the granny wrapped her two grandchildren of 15 months and 3 months in blankets and a pillow and placed them with a bible in the bathtub. Every house in the area was flattened. When the rescuers arrived, underneath the debris, they found the bath with the two infants, largely unharmed, wrapped in the blankets, with the Bible beside them, safe in the bath beneath all the wreckage. Perhaps an extraordinary coincidence. But once again the granny praised God that the children had been saved. Stories of two ordinary women in extraordinary circumstances praising God.

A model for all of us as we begin 2022.

(Fr. George Hayes)

Holydays of Obligation - 2022	
<i>All Sundays of the Year</i>	
<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	6 January
<i>St. Patrick</i>	17 March
<i>The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	15 August
<i>All Saints</i>	1 November
<i>The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8 December
<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	25 December

Notable Feasts ~ 2022	
<i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	9th January
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	2nd March
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	10th April
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	17th April
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	23rd April
<i>Ascension</i>	29th May
<i>Pentecost</i>	5th June
<i>Holy Trinity</i>	12th June
<i>Corpus Christi</i>	19th June
<i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	24th June
<i>Christ the King</i>	20th November
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	27th November

We wish you all a very

