

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr. George Hayes, Parish Priest.

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Sunday, 5th December 2021 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent

RECENT DEATHS:

Patrick (Paddy) Spillane, White Lodge, Dromquinna, Templenoe & Chicago, USA.

Tom Foley, The Marshes, Roughty Bridge & Shelburne Lodge, Kenmare.

Jan Kaliszak, The Square, Kenmare & Poland.

Desmond Gibbons, UK (*husband of the late Joan (nee O’Riordan) Main St. Kenmare*).

Chris Cleary, Birmingham, UK (*brother of Anne-Marie Cleary & Bernie O’Sullivan*)

Templenoe Church: Mass on Sat. 4th Dec at 6pm. For the people of the parish

Direendarragh: Next Mass 6pm Sat 11th Dec. Annie O’Sullivan, Coom & Gortbrack. 30th Anniv.

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions this week.

Sat	7.30pm	Ray O’Shea, Ashgrove Hse. Killarney Road.	Month’s Mind
Sun	9.00am	Denis Sullivan-Morgan, Gortamullen Lr. Kenmare.	1 st Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Eoin McCarthy, Tulloha.	Anniversary his sister Christine & parents Dan & Christina.
Mon	10.00am	Anne Cronin, Mucksna, Kenmare	Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Peg O’Shea & family. 15 Henry Street	Anniversary
Vigil Mass 7th Dec	7.30pm	Eileen Murphy, Sneem & Kenmare	Anniversary
Wed 8th Dec	10.00am	Sandra Keane	Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	Lil Murphy, 4 Henry Street	Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Elizabeth Riney & deceased family members	Anniversary
Sat (11 th)	7.30pm	Jerry & Connie McCarthy, 22 Main Street	Anniversary

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

28 Nov 21	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendarragh	€49	€ 85	€ 134
Kenmare	€ 186	€ 830	€ 1,016

Church Notices

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022** – will be held on Saturday, 7th May.
- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022** – will be on Tuesday, 29th March.
- **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS Edition of ‘MY DAY BY DAY’** booklet (€1.80) now available at the bookstand. This is a great way to follow the daily Mass readings. The Weekly Irish Catholic Newspaper also available at the bookstand.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 8th December.

Holy Cross Church: Tuesday: Vigil Mass 7.30pm. Wednesday: Mass at 10.00am

Prayer with the Advent Wreath in church.

Week 2: Light the second ‘purple’ candle.

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Child: Jesus, our brother, we ask you to bless our parish family during this Advent time. We light these candles to remind us that you bring light into our lives and into the world. We thank you for showing us how to show love and be kind and help those who need help.

Adult: God, your story of love for people all through time reminds us that you are with us, offering us light and hope. Help us to trust in you this week.

All: Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our parish.

Pastor’s Ponderings

One of the great contemporary mystics of our time was Thomas Merton, the Trappist monk and writer. He once said that life is a perpetual Advent. What he meant, I think, is that, in life, our challenge is to trust in God and to wait on God and, in that trusting and waiting, God’s life and God’s love grows within us. Advent is that time when we continue to train ourselves to trust and to wait. I was in some shops the other day...shops which were brimming with Christmas gifts and Christmas goods. And it made me think about all that we acquire and buy. I have acquired so much surplus “stuff”. Of course, it is good to buy gifts and to give people presents. We do need to acknowledge the goodness of others and their kindness. But in the midst of all the helter-skelter of Christmas preparations, don’t we need to recall some simplicity, don’t we need to acknowledge that it isn’t always things that make us happy. I know someone who now decides to spend time with people as her gift to them...she makes Christmas puddings with her nieces and nephews and loves to play cards and games with them over Christmas. With her friends, she treats them to a meal. With her family, she suggests going on holiday together. Her motto is that she will now give of herself and of her time...she wants to spend time with people doing something together. So as Advent progresses, perhaps we could resolve to spend some time with someone. Go for a cup of coffee, take a walk together, call and pick someone up for a Sunday afternoon drive. In a world where people are often rushing around and busy, the gift of our time could be a great blessing...perhaps even a treasured gift, this Advent. (Fr. George Hayes)

Synodal Pathway - Our time to reflect, discuss and listen

As part of our Diocese's participation in the 2023 Synod of Bishops, we will be offering opportunities for discussion and listening in the Spring. Before that happens, you are invited to visit www.dioceseofkerry.ie/SynodQ/ to learn more about the questions that Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on.

St Vincent de Paul – Annual collection takes place w/e 11th & 12th December.