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**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**RECENT DEATHS:**

We remember in our prayers **JAMES (JIMMY) O'CONNELL**, Main St. Kenmare and **TOM FOLEY**, The Marshes, Roughty Bridge & Shelburne Lodge, Kenmare, whose funeral Masses were held during the week.

**JAN KALISZAK, THE SQUARE, KENMARE AND POLAND (died 30<sup>th</sup> Nov).**

Funeral Mass for Jan will take place on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm in Holy Cross Church, which will be live streamed on [www.kenmareparish.com](http://www.kenmareparish.com) (MASS live-streaming).

Private cremation will take place at the Island Crematorium, Cork.

**Direendarragh: Mass Sat. 6pm.** Annie O'Sullivan, Coom & Gortbrack. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

**Templenoe Church – Next Mass on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.00pm.**

Mass Intention: Peg & Jerry O'Connor and Patrick Crowley, Rossacussane.

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

Sat	7.30pm	Jerry & Connie McCarthy, 22 Main Street .....	Anniversary
Sun	9.00am	Dan & Eileen Cronin, Dromcahan .....	Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Kathy, John & Pat Donoghue, Mucksna .....	Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Daniel O'Sullivan, Gortnadullagh .....	Anniversary
<b>Mon</b> <i>Polish Mass</i>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Jan Kaliszak, The Square, Kenmare &amp; Poland ... Requiem Mass</b>	
Tues	10.00am	Denis Sugrue, Lacca .....	Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Anne Cronin, Mucksna .....	Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	Tom, Dolly & Sr. Eileen Randles, Shelbourne St. ...	Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Patrick Delaney, Tullig .....	Anniversary
Sat (18 <sup>th</sup> )	7.30pm	Mary O'Leary & Mary Jeffers, Carrigaline, Co. Cork	Anniversary

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

5 December '21	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Templenoe	€ 32	€ 35	€ 67
Kenmare	€ 493	€ 1,765	€ 2,258

To mark GAUDETE SUNDAY and as a sign of hope in dealing with the challenges of Covid-19, our Church bell will be rung on Sunday at 8.55 a.m., before the 9.00a.m. Mass. This initiative is in conjunction with other Churches throughout the Diocese and in solidarity with all other Churches in Ireland.

**Return of In-Person Collections**

Next weekend, December 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, we will return to in-person collections in the Churches of the Parish. This will necessitate the return of collectors, who will use special collection boxes which we have had made, rather than the baskets which we have used in the past. I would be grateful if those who acted as collectors, in the past, would let me know if they are willing to continue in this ministry. I would also welcome new volunteers to assist with this important aspect of parish life. I would be grateful if existing collectors/new volunteers would call in to the sacristy to let me know of your availability.

**Hymn for Sundays of Advent – O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

(1)

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

(2)

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go.

REFRAIN:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

**Pastor's Ponderings:** There is power in words. Words comfort us and challenge us and console us. I was reading through Brendan Kennelly's poem *Begin* during the week and used some lines from it at the beginning of a funeral homily I delivered. Poetry has a way of describing life which differs from prose. The short lines, rhythm and cadence narrate life's emotions in a unique way. The poet often captures what we experience and shares our feelings in a descriptive weaving of words. I admire painters for their ability to create the likeness of a scene or a person. Sculptors shape and form out of a mass of raw materials. Architects imagine how buildings will stand in our environment. Like all creative people, writers offer us the gift of words, enabling us to reach into our imaginations and enter worlds unknown. A good book is an invitation to journey into another reality for a while, to be led on the twists and turns of an adventure. In the week ahead, delve into a book or a collection of poetry. A book always a great gift. And poetry is the language of the heart. (Fr. George Hayes)

*Begin by Brendan Kennelly Begin again to the summoning birds, to the sight of the light at the window, begin to the roar of morning traffic all along Pembroke Road. Every beginning is a promise born in light and dying in dark, determination and exaltation of springtime, flowering the way to work. Begin to the pageant of queuing girls, the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal, bridges linking the past and future, old friends passing through with us still. Begin to the loneliness that cannot end since it perhaps is what makes us begin, begin to wonder at unknown faces, at crying birds in the sudden rain, at branches stark in the willing sunlight, at seagulls foraging for bread, at couples sharing a sunny secret, alone together while making good. Though we live in a world that dreams of ending that always seems about to give in, something that will not acknowledge conclusion, insists that we forever begin.*

**Last chance to see the Photography Exhibition of stunning local landscapes in Carnegie Arts Centre this week; Wed 1-5, Thurs & Friday 10am to 5pm. They would make a perfect Christmas present.**