

PARISH OF KENMARE Fr. George Hayes, Parish Priest

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Sunday, 26th December 2021 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

Kenmare Pastoral Area includes the Parishes of Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Glengarriff/ Bonane, Sneem & Tuosist.

RECENT DEATHS:

FR. KEVIN MCNAMARA, P.P., Glenflesk, Killarney & Cooraclare, Co. Clare.
Requiem Mass on Mon (27th Dec) at 2.00pm in St. Senan’s Church, Cooraclare.

SEÁN O’SHEA, Melrose, Gortamullen, Kenmare and formerly of Cummers, Lauragh.
Requiem Mass on Thurs (30th Dec) at 11.00am in Holy Cross Church, Kenmare with burial afterwards in Old Kenmare Cemetery.

ANN MARIE O’SULLIVAN, Ashgrove, Kenmare. Funeral Arrangements later.
(daughter of Rose Sullivan and the late John A. Sullivan, Ashgrove).

JOE TWOMEY, 55 Dromneavane & Lackroe, Kenmare & **BERNIE O’SULLIVAN-GALVIN**,
Carrigmore House, Hospital Rd. Kenmare, whose funerals took place during the week.

May they Rest in Peace!

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions		
Sun	9.00am	Patrick & Joan Jones, Henry St. & Kilmurry. Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Pat & Hilda Fennell, Islandmore, Bell Height Anniversary
Thurs	11.00am	Seán O’Shea, Melrose, Gortamullen Requiem Mass
Sat <i>1st Jan ‘22</i>	7.30pm	Tom Foley, The Marshes, Roughty Bridge Month’s Mind

19th Dec 21	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Templenoe	€ 70	€ 60	€ 130
Kenmare	€ 610	€ 2,065	€ 2,675

**There will be NO 10.00am Mass in Holy Cross Church on ...
Monday - Friday (27th - 31st Dec)**

Saturday, 1st January 2022 NO Confessions.

➤ **Priests’ Offering** – We wish to thank you all for sending in your Christmas ‘Envelopes’ and contributing to the collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Your continued support throughout the year is very much appreciated.

‘THANK YOU’ - - - 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. The parish treasures every ounce and second that you ‘gift’ to us. May the Lord continue to reveal Himself among us through more and more such ‘signs’ and ‘wonders’.

Collectors – Holy Cross Church December 2021 & January 2022.

Vigil Mass 7.30pm	9.00am Mass	12noon Mass
<i>David/Marian O’Dwyer</i>	<i>Tim Sheehan</i>	<i>David Sheehan</i>
<i>Kevin Lynch</i>	<i>Olive Donovan</i>	<i>John Foley</i>
<i>Noel Crowley</i>	<i>Mary Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Celia Foley</i>
<i>Michael Murphy</i>	<i>Conor Daly / Tim Madden</i>	<i>Tom Murphy / John Moriarty</i>

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love: to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.



Pastor’s Ponderings

Growing up on a farm in North Kerry, when you went out the back of our house and looked toward the distance, you could see a hill, some miles away, not far from Ballybunion, know as Cnoc an Air. During the dark months of winter, it could appear cold and forbidding. There were just a few lights dotted in different houses. But if you went out the back door on Christmas Eve and looked toward the hill, it was transformed. Now each window in the distance had a light twinkling, shining the way for the Holy Family on their way to Bethlehem. The beautiful tradition of putting a candle in the window to light the way continues in so many homes across our land. In so many ways, that is what we are called to do at Christmas - to bring the light. To bring the light of God’s love, God’s hope and God’s joy into our world. There are people all around us who are in need of that light. We may even share our kitchens with someone who needs our encouragement, our love and our care. Let this Christmas not pass without appreciating people. It’s the little things that count. Be brave and say thank you for all that you are and all that you do. Write a short note it you find it difficult to speak the words. We bring Christ’s light to each other. We can transform each other’s lives. Bring the light. Offer the light. Be the light, this Christmas. (Fr. George Hayes)

*May you have God’s abundant
blessings of love,
care and peace throughout 2022.*

