

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr George Hayes, Parish Priest.

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Sunday, 16th January 2022 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Deaths:

We remember in our prayers **NORMA MURPHY (née O’Driscoll)** Castletownbere (wife of Dermot Murphy, SuperValu, Kenmare) & **WILLIAM ALLEN**, Lauragh Upper. **May they Rest in Peace!**

Direendaragh Church: Mass on Saturday, 15th January 2022 at 6.00pm

Templenoe Church: Next Mass on Saturday, 15th Jan. at 6.00pm.
Mass Intention for Sheelah O’Mahony, Lackeen, Kenmare.

Mass Intentions : Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat	7.30pm	Thomas O’Sullivan, Claddanure West. Anniversary
Sun	9.00am	Florrie & Margaret O’Sullivan, Gortamullen House. ”
Sun	12noon	John R. McCarthy, Killowen Road Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Ellen O’Connor, Derrynacoulagh ”
Tues	10.00am	Rev. Fr. Michael Murphy (P.P. Kenmare 1990-2004) Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Peggy O’Connor, Scarteen Park. 20 th Anniversary
Thurs	10.00am	James O’Leary, Kilcurrane Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Special Intention

9 th Jan	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Templenoe	€50	€ 40	€90
Kenmare	€ 448	€ 772	€ 1220

RADIO MARIA IRELAND is an interactive Catholic radio station, broadcasting Mass and prayer throughout the day, as well as many informative and engaging programmes.

The spiritual director, Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, will speak at the Masses in Holy Cross Church, this weekend 15th / 16th January.

Diocesan Mission 2022

THE MISSION starts this Sun Jan 16th and runs to Wed 19th Jan. You are invited daily 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 Hussey. Do pick up a MISSION BOOKLET at the back of the church. To Register for the Mission, log onto – www.dioceseofkerry.ie

2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Join the Friars and many faithful from Christian denominations around the world for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2022. The Theme for 2022 is - - -

“WE SAW THE STAR IN THE EAST, AND WE CAME TO WORSHIP HIM.”

Like the Magi who braved the perils of a long and dangerous journey to find the Christ child, our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East face many hardships as they strive to live out their faith in Christ. Our prayer in solidarity with their suffering is a light of hope and communion.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began as an eight-day period of prayer called the Church Unity Octave at Graymoor and was established by founders of the Society of the Atonement, Mother Lurana White, SA, and Servant of God Father Paul of Graymoor. Find the daily prayers and download materials for this powerful week of prayer www.atonementfriars.org/2022-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity

Pastor’s Ponderings

These January days remind me of the phrase associated with the lengthening evenings of my childhood in North Kerry. The Irish phrase, Coiscém coiligh referred to a cock’s stride or step and was used to indicate the extra light that comes each evening in the New Year. In fact, the evenings lengthen by almost two minutes each day, which is almost fifteen minutes each week of January. And in these longer days of January, nature seems to awaken. I saw the first snowdrops of the year during the past week and even glimpsed an early flowering daffodil in someone’s garden. It was mentioned to me, one time, that daffodils do not grow in warm climates – the suggestion was that you needed a certain amount of cold weather to enable the bulb to develop and thrive. In the dying days of autumn and the cold days of winter, the bulb is drawing in and preserving the sustenance which will produce the new growth of spring. I often think the dying of autumn and cold of winter can be a metaphor for life. Sometimes in life we think that life is against us. Things don’t seem to be going our way and we struggle with trials and challenges. And yet when we look back, we can see that adversity in life can also bring its own growth. It’s as if the winter can produce new growth in our lives too. People who face great challenges in life will often say I wouldn’t change my life. They suggest that even a difficult or traumatic experience can bring about good. They have become better people despite that challenge. For us, as people who exercise choice in life, there is a lesson. We can determine so much of the fulfilment and satisfaction we find in life. So much depends on one’s attitude. We can give in to anger and bitterness, regret and blame. Or we can choose resilience, courage, trust and faith. So much of what we experience in life depends on how we react to what life throws at us. As the days lengthen and as the new growth of spring emerges, let us hope that we can find new life. Let’s go forward with confidence that God will accompany us at all times. And let’s choose life as the Book of Deuteronomy counsels us. After all, we have only one life. And let’s not waste it on emotions that drag us down. Let’s face the future with confidence and hope, knowing that our horizons can be expanded. We are called to live life. Life is short. So, let’s live it to the full! (Fr. George Hayes)

THE KENMARE TIDY TOWNS AGM – takes place on Tuesday, 18th January, at 7.00pm in The Carnegie Arts Centre. All Welcome to attend!

Do you know that Tidy Towns are working on a wide range of topics? Community, Biodiversity, Sustainability, Tidiness and Litter Control. Do check out their Facebook Page & Instagram for updates.