

Kenmare Parish ~ Fr George Hayes, Parish Priest.

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 Sunday, 23rd January 2022 ~ Sunday of the Word of God / 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The Word that saves does not go looking for well-preserved, clean, safe places. It comes into our complexities, into our darkness. Today, as then, God desires to visit those places where we think He doesn't go." Pope Francis.

Recent Deaths:

We remember in our prayers **Canon Micheál O'Doherty** former P.P. of Caherciveen.
Peggy Donoghue (nee Hegarty) Countess Rd. Killarney and late of Kilgarvan.
Ray Neali, U.S.A. (wife Joan Hartnett, Lehud & Templenoe)
May they Rest in Peace!

Templenoe: Mass on Sat. 22nd Jan. Sheelah O'Mahony, Lackeen Anniversary
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Direendaragh Church: Next Mass on Saturday, 29th January at 6.00pm.

Mass Intentions : Holy Cross Church, Kenmare.

Sat	7.30pm	Patrick & Sheila and Jerry & Margaret O'Shea, Gortamullen. Anniv.
Sun	9.00am	Eileen Murphy, Sneem & Kenmare Anniversary
Sun	12noon	Joe Twomey, 55 Dromneavane & Lackaroe Month's Mind
Mon	10.00am	Joan Crowley, 3 Bridge St. & late of Henry St. Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Margaret & Con O'Shea, Ballygriffin Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Elizabeth Hallissey, Gortnacurra Remembrance Mass
Thurs	10.00am	Mai & Tadgh O'Connor, Scarteen Park Anniversary
Fri	10.00am	Seán Murray, Kenmare & Dundalk Anniversary
Sat	7.30pm	John Harrington, Droumanassig 10 th Anniversary

16 Jan 2022	Offertory	Parish Development Fund - Weekly Envelopes	Total
Direendarragh	€47	€ 90	€ 137
Kenmare	€ 552	€ 911	€ 1,463

The Hook of Faith: THE HOOK OF FAITH PRESENTS – A Time for Priests 'Being A Priest in a Synodal Church: Hopes, Concerns, Opportunities.' Tues 1st – Thurs 3rd Feb 2022 from 8-9pm on Zoom, with Fr. Billy Swan. Look up www.thehookoffaith.com.

Catholic Schools Week : Mon-Fri: 23rd – 30th January 2022.

Catholic Schools: 'Living Life to the Full' – 'Saol Iomlán Lántairbhe a Chaitheamh'.
 The theme is based on the words of Jesus 'I have come that you may have life and have it in its fullness.'

Monday: Living Life to the Full with God / **Tuesday:** Living Life to the Full Together.
Wednesday (Grandparents' Day) Celebrating Being Together Again
Thursday: Living Life in Wonder and Awe / **Friday:** Living Life and Facing the Future.

Pastor's Ponderings



I came across a piece of writing the other day which suggested that we should "invest in memories". I like the phrase. Invest in memories. I always say that one of the greatest treasures we can have is our repository of memories - places we have visited, experiences we have had, people with whom we have shared those moments. I often think I have been blessed with wonderful experiences and great people. Yes, of course, I've had my fair share of challenges in life – who doesn't? But overall, I have had great opportunities and my life has been enriched by the people I've met and the part of life's journey that I've shared with people who have come into my life.

Memories can be created in simple ways. In fact, some of the memories of times spent with friends involve situations where things went wrong – the time I left my passport behind in a shop in Rome and retrieved my steps hours later and found it, the time a friend of mine was driving in Sicily and we nearly drove into a wagon full of melons, the time we were negotiating thick snow and thought we'd join a community of monks for fifteen minutes of prayer, only to be kept for an hour and a half when we were given the places of honour reserved for guests at the front of the chapel.

I've childhood memories of when my mother would tumble a number of us into the car and drive to Knock and back and we'd have a picnic on the way. Memories of being on my mother's knee as a very young toddler when she'd tickle my toes and recite "this little piggy went to market". Memories of my father arriving with bananas from town for the little monkey! Memories are golden moments and often involve time spent with others. As we begin to move beyond the current restrictions, let's resolve to invest in memories. Do simple things. Spend time together. Create golden moments. It's definitely worth it. (Fr. George Hayes)

**May the Lord support us all day long,
 'Til the shades lengthen, and the evening comes,
 and the busy world is hushed,
 and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
 Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging,
 and holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.** [St John Henry Newman]

Kenmare Community Employment Scheme - Job Vacancies Available: Check out all Job Vacancies presently available by calling to the Local Kenmare Intreo Office, (Social Welfare Office) Bridge Street, Kenmare.