



Despite horror of two world wars, peace remains a distant hope The world must know what happened and never forget, Dwight

D Eisenhower said at the end of World War II. A few years later, he said: “The only way to win World War III is to prevent it.” Today is Armistice Day, when the 40 million people who died in World War I are remembered. It was supposed to have been the war to end all wars, but it was not. World War II followed. Combat deaths were estimated at nearly 15 million. Civilian deaths numbered more than 38 million. Despite such an appalling toll, the evidence suggests we have learned little. Our species remains drawn to destruction. As Martin Luther King put it: “Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.” This week, Israel agreed to daily four-hour localised pauses in its bombardment of Gaza. The temporary cessations of hostilities are called “humanitarian”. But a return to the business of mass bloodshed resumes for the remaining 20 hours of the day. Since last weekend, tens of thousands of Palestinians have left Gaza on foot. Many carry white flags with their hands held up. It has been a massive exodus, yet US estimates say about 250,000 civilians remain in northern Gaza. Israeli troops continue to advance, block by block, in street fights against Hamas militants, while using air-strikes to drive them out of underground tunnels. As this happens, the Palestinian death toll – currently believed to be 10,500 – can only grow. We must also remember the 1,400 Israelis who were murdered by Hamas, and the 240 hostages they continue to hold. The pauses, while too brief, will still be viewed as progress, and a partial victory for pressure from the Biden administration. The glimpse offered by Washington of how it views the post-war future of Gaza is significant. It wishes to see the enclave politically unified with the West Bank under the administration of the Palestinian Authority. US secretary of state Antony Blinken also reiterated America’s position that Israel should not reoccupy Gaza after its war with Hamas. For this to happen, the US and its Arab allies would have to revitalise the Palestinian Authority and try to restore credibility. This

week, we also saw G7 foreign ministers meet in Tokyo, where Gaza and Ukraine were discussed. Globally, the potential for meeting jaw to jaw – to borrow Winston Churchill’s phrase – is too readily dismissed, making it easier for war to proceed. Sadly, the UN Security Council appears increasingly redundant. Tensions between the US and Europe on one side, and China and Russia on the other, guarantee deadlock. World peace and security remain the overwhelming wish of the vast majority of people on our planet. Despite two world wars, we are no closer to realising it.

Mass for Deceased members of our parish took place last weekend. We thank the families who joined us as we prayed for their loved ones, 33 people over the past 12 months, thanks to all who made the families very welcome to our churches and to our choirs, liturgy and funeral team members for all the help last weekend. The purgatorial sheets are available in our Churches please write the names of your deceased and they will be placed on our altars for November and prayed for at all our Masses

The blessing of Graves As we bless these graves with our prayers and with holy water, we give thanks that the names of these loved ones buried here have been written for all ages in the palm of your hand. May the breath of creation that surrounds these holy graves – the trees, the grass, the birds, the wind, and the sun – join us today in prayer. May this pilgrimage remind us of what our faith teaches us – that our souls are transformed into new life through Christ. Holy are these resting places. Holy is this earth that has held in gentle embrace the bodies of all who are buried in this cemetery. Lord, with reverence, we pray eternal rest be to those whose graves we visit today, and to all the holy dead. We place this prayer before you through Christ our Lord.

Recently deceased Our Prayers and Sympathies to the family of Gerry Keane, Moveen West, Kilkee & Carrigaholt Co. Clare, brother of Ann Rowsome The Glen Ballyneety, May he rest in Peace.

Our Sacristan Terry is very thankful to those who supported his recent collection Thank you.

First holy Communion meetings of parents taking place these days to arrange the programme of preparation starting soon in the parish, we appreciate everyone’s help with this.

Remembered In Mass		
Donoughmore		
Sat.11th Nov.	7pm	Cyril Carney. Tom O’Brien (1st) Ann Hickey (10th) John Hickey(5th)
Mon.13th	10am	Holy Souls
Tues 14th	10am	No Mass
Fri 17th	10am	Holy Souls
Sat.18th	7pm	Edward Grimes. Michael & Kitty Manning. Hugh Hurley (12th)
Knockea		
Sun.12th	11am	Mary & Tony Quilty & Teresa Keane
Wed.15th	10am	DKR Community Association, deceased members
Sun 19th	11am	John & Peg Prendergast



Altar Cloths /Linen We thank the Pioneer Assoc. in the Parish who have gifted new altar cloths to both of our churches and in honour of deceased members of the association. We appreciate this very kind gesture.

Good News in Ballyneety village, Lotto Euro Million draw ticket worth €500,000 sold in Elm Court Service Station shop Ballyneety, winning numbers ,17,21,28,29,42 . Congrats on this windfall.

Knockea School Junior enrolment for Sept. 2024 , please contact the school.

DKr Comm. Café courthouse Ballyneety Fridays 10.30 am call in for a free cup of tea/coffee and a chat any Fri. morning

Supporting our Parish thanks for your continued generosity to the parish. We are ordering the parish

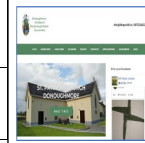
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family envelope boxes for 2024 for those who wish to support the parish that way, **Online donations system**



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Weekly Lotto €1,200 No Winner, winning No’s 12,16,21,24 lucky dips, 1 Eileen Skehan 2. Christina Connors 3.Pat Keane 4.Kathlen Toomey 5.Sheila Killeen 6.Gill O’Halloran Next Jackpot €1,300 Draw Tues 14th Nov. 9.30pm The Four Elms Many thanks.

