##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**13th December 2015**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Parish Priest: Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hours emergency no. 0870908949.**Email:** listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie. *Notices for Parish Newsletter have to be in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am and Sundays and Holy Days at 11.00am. **Baptisms** are at pre-arranged times and must be booked through the Parish Office. **Confessions:** every Saturday after 10.30am Mass. Check out our Parish Web Page at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) and all Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)and a live stream of all liturgies on **www.mcnmedia.tv**

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 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 12th – 20th December.**

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| Saturday 12th  | Frank (Prionsias ) Kelly, Derry**, Months** **Mind** / Margaret Moloney, Derry, **1st Anniversary** / Eleanor Culbert nee Moore, Charles St. / Helen McConnell nee Rowan, O’Connell’s Ave. / Danny Barrett, Birthday Remembrance, Ballygologue Pk. & Clieveragh / Kevin Casey, Woodford /David Cronin, Coolagown | **7pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 13th  | James Lyons, Glenoe, 1st Anniversary /Danny B. Joy, Gortnaminch | 9.00am |
| Hannah & Joseph Walsh & Deceased Family Members, Dirha East / Tom Keane, Derry /David O Brien, Kilmeany, Kilmorna /Peggy Scanlon, Pollough/John Sexton, William St. | 11.00am |
| Mon 14th   | Luke Slowey, London &Fermanagh/Margaret Forde, Coilbee & London. | 10.30am |
| Tues 15th  | Cyril O Gorman, Clieveragh Rd **1st Anniv**/Baby Andrea Loughnane, Clieveragh Rd | 10.30am |
| Wed 16th  | Anne & Kevin Croughan, Charles St  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 17th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| **Padre Pio Evening Mass**  | **7.00pm**  |
| Fri 18th  | Patrick Joseph Mulligan, Dublin  | 10.30am |
| Saturday  19th  | John Joe McGrath, Woodford/Maureen & John Joy, Ballygologue Rd & deceased members of the Joy & O Connell Family/ | 10.30am |
| Tom Sheehan, Ballygologue Pk**, Months** **Mind**/Buddie Dalton, Charles St, **1st Anniv**/ John Mulvihill, Coolaclarig, **1st Anniv**/Sr Basil McAuliffe, Church St/ William & Hannah Cokery, Lixnaw /John Joe Foley, Killarney/Sr De Lourdes & Maurice & Mary O Connell, Grogreen/ Peter McCarthy Jr, Tanavalla & London/Breda Walsh, Finuge/ | **Vigil 7pm** |
|  Sunday 20th  | Eily Long, Knocknagoshel & Daniel McCarthy, Duagh/ | 9.00am |
|  Edward Murphy, Behins/  | 11.00am |

 ***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, Dec. 13th  Fr. McNamara 0876099930 (emergencies only)***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Our sincere thanks for the Offertory Collection last weekend.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Margaret O Sullivan, Bedford, Catherine Brennan, Skehenerin, Jack & Margaret Whelan, Market Street, Norah Kelly, Coolnaleen, Baby Andrea Loughnane,
Clieveragh Rd. Mary Hanlon Snr, O Connell’s Ave.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME:** We welcome the children & parents of the ‘***Do this in Memory of Me***’ First Holy Communion Programme taking place at the Vigil Mass on Saturday.

**SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** in preparation for Christmasis taking place on this this ***Sunday afternoon of Advent in the Adoration Chapel from 3pm to 6pm.***

**CAROL SERVICE** – We welcome Presentation Secondary School who are presenting a lovely Carol service here at the Church at 7pm on this Sunday night (13th Dec.). It will finish within the hour and all are welcome!

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING** will take place in the Parish Meeting Room on Monday night next (14th Dec.) at 7.30pm.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MASSES THIS WEEK**:

Monday 14th Dec @ 9.30am,Coláiste na Ríochta (in School).

Wed 16th Dec @ 1.45pm, Kerry Parents & Friends Centre. Thursday 17th Dec at 1.15pm Nano Nagle School.

Friday 18th Dec at 2.00 p.m. Listowel Community Hospital

**PADRE PIO EVENING MASS** takes place on Thursday Dec. 17th at 7pm. including Rosary, Mass & Benediction.

**NEXT SUNDAY MASS AT 11.00A.M.** will be hosted by the Convent Primary School. It will have a real Christmas flavour with the children doing all the singing, readings, prayers etc. All are welcome!

**SPECIAL PARISH CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER-** We invite you to take home our lovely Christmas Newsletter specially printed for our Parish detailing the times of the schedule of our Christmas Services this year. It is available at the back of the Church and also available in the Parish Office. It is free and a nice read – so please take one.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** Available at the Parish Office. Individual Cards are €1.00 each and pack of 6 for €5.00. Also we have Christmas Mass Bouquet cards.

**CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE / CONFESSIONS: will take place on Monday week (Dec. 21st ) at 8.00 p.m. here at St. Marys Church. It will consist of a short penitential service followed by the opportunity of individual confession with a number of priests of the Pastoral Area present. We appeal to as many people as possible to avail of this opportunity for Christmas Confessions on Monday, Dec. 21st There will be Confessions by day during that week after the 10.30 a.m. Mass.**

**PLEASE NOTE OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve Vigil)**

**at 6.00pm with our Parish Folk Group (children’s mass)**

**& Mass of the Nativity with our Parish Choir at 9.00pm.**

**Friday, December 25th Christmas Day**

**at 9.00am (no singing) & 11.00am (with our Parish Choir)**

**and extra Mass at 12.30pm. (with our Parish Folk Group)**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING / DUES ENVELOPES 2015** are available in your offering Envelope Box. Should you not be using the envelope system, there are loose white envelopes at the back of the Church and at the Parish Office. The Christmas Dues collection which supports your priests will be taken up immediately after Holy Communion throughout the Diocese at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**THE ROSARY** will be recited at the **Grotto in O'Connell's Ave** on this Sunday at 6pm.

**KDYS LISTOWEL** are hosting a nativity parade on Tuesday 15th December at 1 o’clock starting at the library and finishing at the Church, where the nativity biblical story will be narrated by Nano Nagle School. This will be followed by the local schools in the area singing songs and playing music

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIREMENT CHRISTMAS DINNER** will take place at the Listowel Arms Hotel on Tuesday next (15th Dec.) at 2.30pm.

**LISTOWEL BAZAAR GROUP:** wish to thank everybody for the generous support that they received last weekend.