##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**6th March 2016**

**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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**MASSES THIS WEEK 5th – 13th MARCH**

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| Saturday 5th  | Martin Fitzmaurice, John B Keane Rd & Mountcoal, **1st Anniversary** /Lil Horgan, Charles St. /Nora & Gene Moriarty, Charles St. /Nora & Paddy Carmody, Skehenerin /Kathleen Whelan, Finuge /Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane /Pat Hartnett, Coolagown /Joan, Tim & Patrick Buckley, Knockane /Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /Joseph Stack, Tanavalla & Gerald Stack, Tullamore, Ballybunion & William St.  | **7pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 6th  | Mona O Connell, Ballygologue Rd **1st Anniversary****/** Richard Stokes, Birthday Remembrance, Listowel & Mullingar | 9.00am |
| Patrick Joseph & Noreen Browne, O’Connell’s Ave/ Patrick, Josie & William Kenny, Church St.  | 11.00am |
| Mon 7th  | Sheila Fitzell, Ballygologue Rd, **Months Mind**  | 10.30am |
| Tues 8th  | Tony Hartnett, Killocrim & Anne Hartnett, Feale Drive & Killocrim | 10.30am |
| Wed 9th  | Thomas & Jack O Connor, Shrone & Deceased Family Members | 10.30am |
| Thurs 10th  | **People of the Parish** | 10.30am |
| Friday11th  | Pat & Kit Dowling, Bridge Rd. /Josephine & James Allen, Killocrim  | 10.30am |
| **Nano Nagle Confirmation Hospital Chapel**  | **11am** |
| **Parish Confirmation**  | **3.00pm** |
| **Stations of the Cross** | **7.00pm** |
|  Saturday 12th  | Jim & Anne O Sullivan & Voureen & Nora, Charles St.  | 10.30am |
|  Margaret Keane, Bridge Rd. **Months Mind** /Annie & Peter Heaphy, O’Connell’s Ave. /Noreen O Connor, Bunagara & London /Dick & Mary Pierse, Market St. /Michael & James Cronin, Listowel & Annie Freedman, Uk. /Thadg & Betty Hickey, Ballygarry /Collette Mahoney, London  | **Vigil 7pm** |
|  Sunday13th  | John Scannell, Dromin | 9.00am |
| Andrew & Josie Hartnett, Charles St. /Michael & Bridget O’Carroll, Clieveragh  | 11.00am |

 ***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 6th March Fr. Kennelly, 0872931064 (emergencies only)***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Our Parish Finance Council say sincere thanks for the Offertory Collection last weekend.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane / Michael Stacky O’Connor, Convent St. & London / Martin & Dorothy Jordan, Charles St & Kilkenny / Thomas & Ellen Murphy, Greenville / Donal Doyle, Dromin & Mary Brookes nee Conway, Dromin & Coventry.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

‘24 HOURS FOR THE LORD’ FOR NORTH KERRY: We thank all involved in our ‘24 Hours for the Lord of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament’ which took place this weekend marking this Jubilee Year of Mercy. A special thanks to the people and priests from both Listowel & North Kerry Pastoral Areas who made an a great effort to cover all the hours. Well done all!

LISTOWEL PARISH CONFIRMATION DAY: Our Bishop, Ray Browne will confirm 76 candidates in total on Friday next, March 11th beginning at Hospital Chapel with Nano Nagle School at 11.00 a.m. & our Parish Confirmation in St. Mary’s Church at 3.00 p.m. We would ask the candidates to be in church at 2.30 p.m. We congratulate the candidates, their parents and teachers on this very special event in the lives of our young people and hope you all have a great day.

**EMIGRANT SERVICES ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION** will be taken up at all Masses (*after Communion*) next weekend, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th March, 2016. This collection supports the ongoing ministry to Irish people in the Irish Church’s Emigrant Mission in the United Kingdom & the U.S.A., as well as parts of Europe. The support of the Church community is particularly valued by Irish emigrants in different parts of the world.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: Year of Mercy ~ A Course on Faith** by Fr. Sean Sheehy ~ Wed. 9th March at 7.00pm. **Padre Pio** by Michael Clifford on Mon. 14th March at 7.00pm. For further details please contact **066 7134276.**

**Uniting our flames of faith.** A gathering of prayer groups and people of prayer from the Diocese of Kerry will be held in Killarney on Saturday 12th of March  at The Church Of The Resurrection @ 11.30am concluding with concelebrated mass with Bishop Ray Browne at 4.00pm. It will be a day where the people of the Kerry Diocese will unite in prayer and celebrate the rich variety of prayer in our Diocese. Beverages and sandwiches will be provided. Everyone welcome.

**DIOCESE OF KERRY MUSIC MINISTRY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** A meeting for those interested in developing Music Ministry with Young People (youth choirs/folk groups/youth cantors, etc.) will be held on: ***Thursday, March 10th at 7:30pm in the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney.***  The purpose of the meeting is to explore ways of developing and resourcing youth music ministry in the Diocese of Kerry.  For more information contact **Tomás Kenny** on **086 3683778** or email**tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie**

***Please Note:*** *Listowel Church will also be the venue for Duagh Parish Confirmation which will be taking place on Monday week, March 14th at 11.00 a.m. This is because on this occasion they have a very large numbers and their own church cannot facilitate them. Because of this our own Parish Mass on that morning will take place at the earlier time of 9.30 a.m.*

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL ALIZMERS GROUP**  wishes to thank everyone who helped and contributed to their recent church gate collection amount raised was €1,296.40.

**LISTOWEL  PIONEERS:**  Any adults interested in being involved with the Listowel Pioneer Centre, or in becoming new members, are invited to attend a meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room, on Thursday, 10th March, 2016, at 7.00pm.  Also, anyone interested in receiving a Silver or Gold Jubilee Pin, is asked to drop his/her name in on the night also.

**NORTH KERRY COLLEGE WILL HAVE ITS OPEN DAY** for its Post Leaving Certificate Courses and VTOS  programme on Wednesday March 9th from 1pm to 7pm. All are welcome . courses on offer include Business , Hairdressing, Engineering, Childcare  and many more. All information is on our website [www.northkerrycollege.ie](http://www.northkerrycollege.ie) or ring 06821023.

**EASTER CAMP** Details of Listowel Family Resource Centre's two week Easter Camp are; Week 1 21st to 25th March 5 days Week 2 Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April 4 days 9.30 to 1.30 €12 a day per child BREAKFAST, LUNCH And SNACKS INCLUDED. Further details from Patricia Lyons on 068 23584.

**ALZHEIMER CARERS SUPPORT GROUP** The March meeting of the Alzheimer Carers Support Group takes place on Tuesday March 8 at 12 noon in Listowel Family Resource Centre.

**FIRST RESPONDERS** There will be a table quiz held in the Railway bar on Saturday March 12th in aid of the Lixnaw community first responders. Anyone who would like to sign up can also do so on the night. The Responder scheme will cover a 6km radius from the centre of the village.

***Check out more notices on the Church notice board and our Web Page at*** [***www.listowelparish.com***](http://www.listowelparish.com)