##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Passion Sunday**

**20th 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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 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 12th – 20th MARCH**

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| Saturday 19th  | Kitty Broderick, Gortcreen, **1st Anniversary** /Angela O Connor, O’Connell’s Ave, **1st Anniversary** / Fr. Gearóid O Donnchada, Birthday Rem. / Margaret (Peggy) Dore, O’Connell’s Ave & Lartigue Village / Michael O Mahony & Deceased Family, Woodford / Helen Nagle nee O Connor & Deceased Family, Bolton’s Cross / Tom Skeffington, England / John & Nora O Donoghue & Catherine Moore nee O Donoghue, Ballygologue Pk. / Thomas, Joe, Margaret, Michael & Rita Moloney, Grogeen & America / Paddy & Jane Barry & Deceased Family, Dirha / Anthony Greaney, Ballygologue Pk. /John Enright, Feale Drive  | **7pm****Vigil** |
| **Palm****Sunday** 20th  | **People of the Parish** | 9.00am |
| Bridie Collins, Hawthorn Drive, **1st Anniversary /**Paddy & Eileen McElligott & Jack & Nora McElligott, Coolaclarig  | 11.00am |
| Mon 21st  |  | 10.30am |
| **Holy Week Confessions** | **8.00pm**  |
| Tues 22nd  | Monica Corridan nee chute, Charles St. /Private Intention  | 10.30am |
| Wed 23rd  | Joe Hannon, Charles St.  | 10.30am |
| Holy Thursday  24th  | **Morning Prayer – No Morning Mass** | **10.30am** |
| **Mass of the Last Supper** | **8.00pm**  |
| GoodFriday25th  | **Morning Prayer – No Morning Mass** | **10.30am** |
| **Passion of Our Lord** | **3.00am** |
| **Stations of the Cross**  | **8.00pm** |
| Easter Saturday 26th  | **Morning Prayer – No Morning Mass** | **10.30am** |
|  Martin Hickey, O’Connell’s Ave died in New York, **Recently Deceased /**Mons. Tim Harnett, Smerla Bridge & San Diego, **Months Mind /** Bridget & Dan O Connor, Moyvane **/** Moll Doyle, Coolnaleen  | **Vigil 8.00pm** |
|  Sunday27th  | Gee Dore, Charles St. /Mary Dowling, Woodford Lodge | 9.00am |
|  Liam & Frances Woulfe, Horseshoe Bar  | 11.00am |

 ***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 20th March Fr. Declan O Connor,, 0870908949 (emergencies only)***

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

**RECENT DEATHS:** Pat Lynch, Bedford, late of Shanaway Tarbert.

Martin Hickey, O’Connell’s Ave., died in New York.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Patrick & Michael O’Shaughnessy, William St. / Danny McCarthy & Joan Sheehy, Duagh & Lyre / Mairead Lyons, Dirha / David Bunyan, Convent St. /

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY**: Our thanks to John Doyle for providing Palms for our masses this weekend. Much appreciated.

**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES:** Our Parish Liturgy Group invite you to join us for our Holy Week Ceremonies taking place here during the week. Full Programme at the other side of this page.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We invite all our Altar Servers to join us for the Holy Week Ceremonies. Thanks.

**EASTER / HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS FOR LISTOWEL PASTORAL AREA:** will take place on this **Monday, March 21st at 8.00pm**. There will be a number of priests present from the Pastoral Area. We invite you all to avail of the opportunity to do your Easter duty on this night.

**THE CHRISM MASS** will take place on Tuesday evening March 22nd at 7.30pm. There will be refreshments after the Mass in St. Brendan’s College refectory. Everyone is welcome.

**RETURN TRÓCAIRE OFFERING:** We ask you to return your Trócaire Offering to the special box in the church or Parish Office during Holy Week. Trócaire is where we as a Parish / Diocese support the most disadvantaged and marginalised of the world. We thank those of you who have already handed in your offering.

 **SPECIAL HOLY WEEK BOOKLETS** will be available at the back of the church on Holy Thursday. We ask you to buy these booklets for just **€1.00** which you can place in the slot alongside the booklets and keep the booklet for the three days of the Easter ceremonies.

**EASTER / SPRING OFFERINGS**: The Annual Spring / Easter Offerings which support our priests are due next Sunday (***Easter Sunday***). It is the green envelope in your Envelope Box and for those who do not use the envelope system there are loose green envelopes at the back of the church. It is Diocesan Policy now to have the Spring / Easter offerings collected in the special collection after Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night next and at the Easter Sunday morning masses or drop into the Parish Office anytime. Many Thanks

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME:** for our First Holy Communion children and their parents is taking place Holy Thursday night 24th March at 8pm. Mass of the Last Supper.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LARTIGUE MONORAIL SPECIAL EASTER WEEKEND OPERATION** The Lartigue Monorail and Museum will operate on Easter Saturday and Sunday (March 26th and 27th) from **2pm to 4pm**. (From May 1st throughout the Summer the Lartigue will operate every afternoon from **1pm to 4.30pm**.)

**IRISH BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** in the Listowel Arms Hotel on Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd March from 5pm. to 8pm.

**LISTOWEL TIDY TOWNS GROUP** With the very important subject of our Biodiversity in mind, Listowel Tidy Towns Group are spearheading a series of three sessions on 'Planting for Pollination' This initiative is funded by The Kerry Education & Training Board Community Education Programme and will be delivered by Niamh Ni Dhull of Natural Kitchen Gardens & Gurtbrack Organic Gardens initiatives. The first session will take place on Thursday March 24th @ 7pm in St Patricks Hall. The following sessions will be of a more practical nature.  Anyone with an interest in planting for pollination is very welcome to attend.
**CELTIC SPIRITUALITY ~ 'INDOOR & OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES - Part Of Our Irish Tradition.' ~** Facilitated by Fr. Michael Rodgers, Glendalough ~ Fri. April 8th to Sunday April 10th. Please contact Ardfert retreat Centre 066 7134276

**CENSUS 2016** The Census of Population 2016 is happening on April 24th. Census forms are being delivered to homes in all areas between March 23rd and April 23rd by Census Enumerators. All Enumerators carry Photo ID and wear Hi-Viz jackets – a very important security check. An accurate census is in everyone’s interests. It provides the knowledge so that public resources can be shared evenly across the country and to ensure that services at local level are relevant to all the people who live there. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**TWO WEEKS TO GO FOR CHANGE OT TIME**

**OF OUR VIGIL MASS**

This Saturday is our last Saturday evening with our Vigil Mass at 7.00 p.m. Next Saturday our Easter Vigil takes place at 8.00 p.m. and the following Saturday evening ( April 2nd ) our Vigil Mass will take place at the earlier time of **6.15 p.m**. ***Please note in your Diary***

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

**PEACE CONCERT IN KNOCK BASILICA**Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14th.

This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit [www.mayochoral.com](http://www.mayochoral.com).