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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**30th April 2017**

**Parish Priest: Very Rev. Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hour’s 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 at 12.00 noon. **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 and a live stream of all liturgies at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) and all Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 29th – 7th May**

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| Saturday29th  | John & Phillis McMahon, Clieveragh Pk. /Betty Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Ann Nancy O’Sullivan, Killocrim /Charlie O Donovan, Abbeyfeale & Drinagh,Hannah & Jack Regan, Betty & Jim Browne, Listowel & London | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
|  Sunday 30th  | Noreen Donegan, Ballygologue Pk. | 9.00am |
| Batt Maher, Drombeg**, 1st Anniversary** /Dino Downey, O’Connell’s Ave., **1st Ann**. | 12.00pm |
| Mon 1st  | Mary (Mai) & John L O’Sullivan, Bonnie, Patrick, Gerald, John(Pat), Danny, Brendan & Maise Murphy & Christy Dooley, Eileen & Dick Quinlan, Pat Noonan, Timothy & Bridie Casey, all from Listowel, England & America /Tommy & Mary McAuliffe, Colbert St. | 10.30am |
| Tues 2nd  | Special Intention & Private Intention  | 10.30am |
| Wed. 3rd  | Mary Dalton, Charles Street /Exam Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 4th  | Daniel Allen, St. Brendan’s Terrace /Michael & Julie Keane, Moyvane & Deceased Family Members | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 5th  | Lilah Stack, Courthouse Lawn & Writers Grove, **Months Mind**  | 10.30am |
| ***St. Padre Pio Evening Mass & 1st Friday*** | 7.00pm |
| Saturday 6th  | Mary Tarmey, Clunin Doire, 1st Anniversary | 10.30am |
|  Joe & Edward Scanlon, Bridge Road /Hannah & John O Brien, Cahirdown /Tom Harnett, Smerla Bridge /Jeremiah & Ellen McCarthy, Toor, Duagh /Jack & Mary Jo Corridan, Ballinruddery /John Jackie Moore, Charles St. Birthday rem | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday7th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Eamon Murphy, Behins /Tom O Connell, Ballygrennan | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 30th April***. ***Fr. McNamara, 0874044816.*** *(emergencies only).*

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Tom Thomas Keating, Dirha Cottages / Mary O Connor nee Chute, O’Connell’s Ave. / Kevin Lucey, Knockroe Drive & Charles St. Birthday Remembrance

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

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**: We welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families who are joining us at our Vigil Mass this weekend.. Also this Mass we are delighted that 15th BATTALIAN F.C.A. / P.D.F. & 32nd R.D.F. are participating at our Mass as part of the Military weekend here in Listowel.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR PETER’S PENCE:** takes place within our Diocese at each mass this weekend. This collection is collected throughout the world and sent directly to our Holy Father, Pope Francis in Rome and is distributed by him to the various charities who request some help. It will be taken up immediately after Holy Communion. Thank you for your generosity.

**CONFIRMATION DAY**: Congratulations and well done to all 86 Confirmation candidates who were confirmed on Friday last. A special thanks to all who helped to make this day very special for all. Well done all!

**LISTOWEL AREA PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday at 8pm. (May 2nd ) in Lixnaw Presbytery.

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND** Canon Declan will do his usual calls on Wednesday & Thursday next. The Parish Office will contact the regulars on list and should anybody new wish a visit just give us a call.

**LISTOWEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet this Thursday 4th May at 8pm. in the Listowel Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

**FIRST FRIDAY & PADRE PIO NIGHT:** Friday next March 5th Usual mass at 10.30am followed by a ‘*Cuppa’*  in the Meeting Room The evening Mass will be the Padre Pio Evening Mass beginning with the Rosary at 6.45 p.m. Evening Mass at 7pm. followed by the Padre Pio prayers & Benediction.

**KILLOCRIM GROTTO** May Rosary every Fri evening at 8pm.

**NANO NAGLE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY**: Saturday next ( May 6th ) at 2.30 p.m. in the Hospital Chapel.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will take place at our Vigil Mass on Saturday next (May 6th ) at 6.15pm. All children are welcome!

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ 2017** The Diocesan Pastoral Team is still recruiting for the youth pilgrimage to Taizé, France.  The dates are Sunday, June 25th and returning on Sunday July 2nd 2017.  Pilgrims must be between 18 – 30.  The cost of the pilgrimage is **€400** but here in Listowel our Finance Council will sponsor half of that fare. So we would be delighted if any parishioner or regular at our Church would avail of this great opportunity.  For application forms or more information, contact Fr. Declan directly or Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 .

**MAY BANK HOLIDAY**: Please note that the Parish Office is closed on this Monday. It re-opens on Tuesday morning at 10.00 a.m.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL MILITARY TATTOO WEEKEND**  We wish all involved every blessing and apologise for any inconvenience caused. On this Sunday afternoon there will be traffic delays during the Mock Battles that will take place in the Square between 1pm and 1.30pm and also between 4pm and 4.30. For health and safety please obey the stewards instructions.

**PIETA HOUSE -  DARKNESS INTO LIGHT Walk** is taking place in Listowel on May 6th 2017 at 4.15am Registration is open every Saturday from 11am-5pm  @35 Church St Listowel or Online

@ <http://dil.pieta.ie/venues/venue-view/darkness-into-light-listowel> or register on the night of the walk.

**ARE YOU AWARE OF THE NCCA SURVEY ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS?** Religious Education will no longer be a subject in the state recognised Primary Schools Curriculum, under the NCCA’s proposal, unless you let your views be known. Is this a move to remove Religious Education from our schools? This move devalues and challenges the place and status of Religious Education in our schools. Is this what you want for the future generations of children? As a matter of urgency parents, teachers, Boards of Management and interested adults need to engage with the survey before closing date 26th May 2017. The NCCA survey is available online: <http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Early_Childhood_and_Primary_Education/Primary-Education/Primary_Developments/Structure-and-Time-Allocation>

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

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY** will host two FREE Painting Workshops on Friday May 12th and Friday May 19th from 11.00 Am -12.30 PM. You must attend both sessions as it's a continuation. These classes are open to Senior Members of the Community to Celebrate the 'Bealtaine Festival - celebrating creativity as we age'.  Places are  limited, please call 068-23044 to secure your place.

**FIBROMYALGIA SUPORT GOUPR LISTOWEL BRANCH**  Will meet on Wednesday 3rd May 8pm, Sharp in St. Patrick’s Hall. All are welcome!

**LIKE TO QUIT SMOKING? A HSE** 6-week stop smoking support group will start in: Family Resource Centre, John B Keane Rd. Tuesday 16th of May to Tuesday 20th of June 6.30pm to 7.30pm. the course is **free** of charge and delivered by a Smoking Cessation Office, every Tuesday evening for the 6 consecutive weeks. Please confirm booking as places are limited with: Mary: 066-7195617 Kerry Community Services. H.S.E. South, Rathass, Tralee

**ANAM CARA**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents,

is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 9th of May from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven, 5 Haigs Terrace, Killerisk, Tralee, Co. Kerry. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

**KERRY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP** are holding a  Health & Well Being Day on May 26th from 10.30am to 3pm in Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre Tralee for people who have **had** a Stroke. Inputs from various Medical and Wellbeing Therapists including Dr. Richard Liston, Consultant Geriatrician from University Hospital Kerry.  **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Cost €10.00. **Limited Availability** . For further info contact Denise @ 066 7123373

**IRISH RED CROSS.** There was will an afternoon tea party on Sunday 7th May in the Grand hotel in Tralee from 3pm to 5pm, light finger food provided and music. Tickets are €5. Booking is essential. Bookings can be made on 087 708 8395.

**A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** will take place in Cork on the 5th - 7th May 2017. This is a Weekend for good marriages. For more information.

**PULSEWAVE IRELAND CARDIO HEART SCREENING** in Kerry next week. The Bpro certified to measure CASP to 99.17% in comparison to an angiogram and as seen on TV. As Heart Disease is still the biggest killer in Ireland we try to make it affordable for everyone to be screened. Normal cost of screening is €50 per person , Parish offer €30 per person for that we check your Blood Pressure, Heart Rythm, Casp of heart, arterial flexability and Blood flow.  We can access the risk of heart attack or stroke with a simple non invasive test. Venues as follows  Thursday 4th May Killarney Court Hotel, Killarney & Friday 5th May The Grand Hotel Tralee. appointments available from 11am to 8pm daily Call 087-7151623 to make an appointment spaces are limited.