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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**21st May 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 20th – 28th May**

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| Saturday20th  | Thomas Brassil, Coolagown /James & Mike Joe Barrett, Ennismore & Gortnaminch / Alfe Neville, Bedford /Dan Hayes, Bridge Rd / Hannah Mary Finucane, Kilmorna / Deceased Members of the Carmody Family, Clountubird /Jimmy & Eileen O Sullivan, Greenville | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
|  Sunday 21st  | Gerald Landers /Mary Anne, John & Frank Murphy, Billerough & Aine Hennessy, Ennismore, Birthday Remembrance | 9.00am |
| **Funeral Mass –** Elizabeth Quille | 12.00pm |
| Mon 22nd  | Eileen McCarthy, Bunagara | 10.30am |
| Tues 23rd  | Bernie Galvin, Limerick | 10.30am |
| Wed. 24th  | Denis Cremin, Cork | 10.30am |
| Thurs 25th  | Special Intention  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 26th  | Michael McElligott, Clieveragh | 10.30am |
| Saturday 27th  |  **First Holy Communion 87 Children**  | 10.30am |
| Tim & Patrick Lane, Coolnaleen /John P. (Johnny) McGrath, Coolaclarig /Eileen Doyle, Fourhane /Thomas Kelliher, London & Finuge 1st Ann.  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday28th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Teresa Stack, Woodford, **1st Anniversary** /John M. O Connor, Market St. & Clieveragh Pk/ Patrick Joseph, Noreen & James Browne, O’Connell’s Ave. /Robert Twomey, Ballahadigue /Dan & Kate Hannon, Colbert St | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 21st May***. ***Fr. Lawlor 0876794112.*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS** **Thomas O Sullivan**, Derry.

**Kathleen Hussey nee Lyons**, Knockroe Drive.

**Francis (Frank) Brosnan**, Lacca East, Kilmorna & William St.

**Elizabeth (Betty) Quille,** Church St.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Bridie O Riordan, Gortacrissane, Nora Fitzmaurice, Knockane.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ANNUAL EDUCATION OF PRIESTS COLLECTION** will be taken up at all Masses (after Communion) this weekend Saturday 20th & 21st April. This fund provides for the education of a future generation of priests whose ministry will continue to be vital in Diocese of Kerry in the 21st Century. The Diocese currently has five students in formation training for priesthood and a number of deacons also. Thanks for your generosity.

**MONTH OF MAY ROSARIES FOR OUR LADY:**

O’CONNELL’S AVE. GROTTO: every Sunday at 6.00 p.m..

FINUGE GROTTO ROSARY: every Wednesday at 8pm

KILLOCRIM GROTTO ROSARY: every Friday at 8pm.

**LISTOWEL AREA PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**: in Lixnaw Presbytery on Tuesday night (23rd May ) at 8.00 p.m.

**LEGION OF MARY**meet every Wednesday at 8pm. in the Parish Meeting Room. *New members always welcome.*

**GRADUATION MASSES:** Colaiste na Riochta Thursday morning next (25th May ) at 9.15 a.m. in the School. Also on Thursday next, Presentation Secondary School in the afternoon and Bishop Ray will be the celebrant. Wishing all our students, their families and teachers every blessing.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 2018** **INFORMATION EVENING** on Thursday next (25th May) at 8pm in the Parish Meeting room.  All interested people are invited to attend.

**PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY:** Saturday next (27th May) is our Parish First Holy Communion Day. We congratulate all our children and their families and their teachers who have put so much work into the day. Hoping we have a nice day.

**PYX FOR HOLY COMMUNION** If anyone has a pyx at home and are not using it anymore please give/return to the Parish Office so we can redistribute them.

**EUCHARIST MINISTER REMINDER**: Group B are on duty for the month of May. If unable to be present please arrange with another to replace you – if possible. When the last day of the month falls on a Saturday, the rota for the month’s Vigil applies.

**BISHOP RAY HAS MADE THE FOLOWING STATEMENT RE: SUNDAY FUNERALS IN THE DIOCESE OF KERRY.**

**‘From the 1st September 2017, ‘No funerals (Mass, Liturgy or burial) will take place on a Sunday in the parishes of the diocese’.**

* This applies from Saturday mid-afternoon.
* Removals to the church can take place on either Saturday or Sunday evening.
* This change is necessary for many reasons: related to good Liturgy; related to factors in individual parishes; and related to the availability of priests.
* Parishes are reminded that there be no exceptions to this diocesan regulation.
* As regards Holy Days of Obligation the rule will apply to Christmas Day and St Patrick’s Day. On the other Holy Days of Obligation for flexibility reasons the decision is left to the local parish (while discouraging such funerals for liturgical reasons).
* I realise many will have reservations about this decision. It has been taken after extensive consultation with laity and clergy throughout the diocese.

 ***Bishop Ray Browne***

***8th May 2017***

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL HOSPICE GROUP** are hosting an open meeting in The Castle Room, Listowel Arms Hotel on Wednesday next, May 24th at 8pm. Mr Tom McCormack, Consultant Surgeon at University Hospital Kerry and Mr Ted Moynihan, Kerry Person of the Year, will give a talk on palliative care/hospice services in the county. All welcome.

**PHIL COULTER IN CONCERT** Moyvane Church Tuesday 13th June 8pm. Tickets €30 in Moyvane Parish Office.

**NORTH KERRY COLLEGE OPEN DAY** May 26th 10am-2pm. Post Leaving Cert Courses & VTOS available  Enrolling now.

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

**KERRY DEAF RESOURCE CENTRE** and all the staff, we would like to say a sincere thank you to all who gave so generously to our recent Church gate collection. The total amount collected on Saturday 15th April and Sunday 16th April was €1030.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS NATIONAL COLLECTION DAY: THANK YOU:**  to everyone who supported the special Olympics Ireland National Collection day in Listowel on Friday 5th May 2017. Thanks to all the volunteers who stood at various venues throughout the town. The total was €3,001.00.

**RIBBON CAMPAIGN** Get involved in the Green Ribbon campaign over the month of May and let’s get the conversation going around mental health in Kerry. You can pick up a green ribbon from your local library. You don’t need to be an expert to start talking about mental health or have all the answers. Sometimes the most helpful thing you can do is to let someone know that you are there for them and simply listen. Talk, but listen too: Simply being there will mean a lot. Take your lead from the person: As a first step, ask them how best you can help. Avoid the clichés: Phrases like ‘Cheer up’, ‘I’m sure it’ll pass’ and ‘Pull yourself together’ definitely won’t help - Being open minded, non-judgemental and listening will. Keep in touch: There are lots of small ways of showing support - Send a text or just ask someone how they are doing. Don’t just talk about mental health: Just be yourself, chat about everyday things as well. For more information: please contact Julieann Lane, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE Phone (086) 0278272.

**THE LATIN MASS** (1962 Missal) will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee on Sunday 21st May, and Sunday 4th June, at 1.30pm. More info from: LatinMassTralee@gmail.com