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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**17th December 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 Monday to Saturday at 11.30am & there are no Funerals on Sundays. **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 17th – 25th December**

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| Saturday16th  | Mary Broderick, Bunagara, Months mind / William & Hannah Corkery & John Corkery, Lixnaw & John Joe Foley, Killarney / Thomas & Josephine Lyons, Derry & Eily & Denis Long, Knocknagoshel & Daniel Thady, Maisie & Eileen McCarthy, Duagh / Breda Walsh, Finuge / Special Intention  | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
| Sunday 17th  | Patricia (Patsy) Cronin, Bridge Rd. Months Mind / Danny B. Joy, Gortnaminch | 9.00am |
| Paddy Healy, Willow Place /Deceased Members of the Bartishell Family, Convent St. / Tom Keane, Derry | **11.30am**  |
| Mon 18th  | Patrick Joseph Mulligan, Dublin /Private Intention / Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| Tues 19th  | Special Intention / Maureen & John Joy Ballygologue Rd. & Dec Family Members | 10.30am |
| Wed. 20th  | Jack & Mamie O Connor & Angela Caslin | 10.30am |
| Thurs 21st  | Buddy Dalton, Charles St. & Askeaton /Nora, James & Colin Hickey, Convent View / Danny Hannon, Ballygologue Pk., Months Mind  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 22nd  | William Gorman, Knockane, 1st Ann.  | 10.30am |
| Saturday 23rd   |  Jerry, Kathleen & Eamon Dunlea,  Ballylongford | 10.30am |
| Sean Curtin, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Sr. Basil McAuliffe, Church St. /Maurice & Mary O’Connell & Sr. De Lourdes, Grogeen /Joe O Connor & Deceased Member of the Brassil Family, Behins / Peter McCarthy Junior, London & Tanavalla /Bill O Sullivan & Dec. Family, Coilbee, Deceased Members of the Browne Family St. Brendan’s Tec. / Nora (Dodo) Fitzmaurice crane, England & Ennismore  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday24thSunday24th | Robert, Kevin & Sonja Broderick & Kay & Don O Leary, William St. /Bernadette Stokes & Dec. Family Mullingar  | 9.00am |
| Edmund Murphy, Behins / Joan & Tom Keating, Dirha Cottages, Teresa Healy, Ballyhalla, Richard O Connell, St. Brendan’s Tec., Joanne Fitzgerald, London & Dell & Sheila Painter, London | **11.30am** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY FOR LISTOWEL DEANERY THIS SUNDAY*, 17th December, Fr. Lawlor, 0876794112.*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS** John Broderick, Coolnaleen.

Teresa Gallagher (nee O’Sullivan), died in London late of Killocrim. Funeral will take place in England, burial at a later date in Listowel.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SPECIAL 11.30 A.M. MASS ON THIS SUNDAY:** We welcome the children and staff of our Presentation Primary School who are hosting our 11.30 a.m. Mass on this Sunday morning as we journey ever closer to Christmas. Thanks to all involved with the lovely carols, prayers and readings – It is our children that really make Christmas time so special.

**ADVENT ADORATION DURING THIS SUNDAY:**  3 to 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS / PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Will take place on this **Monday night (Dec. 18th ) at 8.00 p.m.** Please avail of this opportunity of Confessions with one of the Priests of Listowel Pastoral Area. All are welcome! ***There will also be Confessions available after the 10.30 a.m. Mass each morning on next Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday mornings***.

**PRAYING WITH YOUR CHILDREN:** Following the recent Diocesan Assembly on Family Life, the Diocese have compiled a lovely prayer booklet, *Praying with your Children,* to enable parents and children to pray together. Copies are available at the back of the church this weekend.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2017** which supports your own priests and the priests of the Diocese are due at this time. There are special white envelopes in your offering Envelope Box or should you not be using the envelope system, there are loose white envelopes at the back of the Church or use any envelope. The Christmas Dues collection will be taken up immediately after Holy Communion throughout the Diocese at all Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** wish to thank you for your generosity in their recent annual church gate Christmas appeal amount raised **€5,715.60** and also their recent collection at Garvey’s amount raised **€2,050.00**. Your generosity and support will go to help so many people and families locally.

**TOWARDS PEACE:** Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of *Towards Peace* is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, *Towards Peace* is here for you: [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) / 01 505 3028. (See Poster at back of church)

**PLEASE NOTE OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Sunday next, December 24th** ***(Christmas Eve)***

**6.15pm** Vigil Mass with our Parish Folk Group *(children’s mass)*

**9.00 p.m**. Mass of the Nativity with our Parish Choir they will also be singing carols at 8.40 pm. before Mass.

**Monday, December 25th Christmas Day**

**9.00am** (no singing) & **11.30am** with our Parish Choir, they will also be singing carols at 11.10 am. before Mass.

**GAEL SCOIL CHRISTMAS SERVICE** In Listowel Church on Thursday morning 21st Dec. 11am. onwards. Everyone welcome.

**Just a Thought**

***Christmas: Jesus is the reason for the season***