##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**25th February 2018**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**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 no funeral 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 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**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 24th Feb. – 4th March**

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| Saturday 24th  | Patrick & Ellen Lyons, Clieveragh /Kevin Lucey, Knockroe Drive & Charles St. /John Behan, Bunagara /Denis & Julie Herlihy, Clonkeen & Listowel | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 25th  | Ellen, Nell, Mollie, Hannah & Maire Enright, Ballahadigue / Hannah & Joseph Walsh, Church St. /Joan Walsh, The Square, Birthday Rem. /Kathleen Heffernan, Clieveragh | 9.00am |
| Kathleen Heffernan, Clieveragh | 11.30am |
| Mon 26th  |  | 10.30am |
| Tues 27th  | Ted Keane, Slievecahill /Special Intention /Wulf Sobieralski, Ballygologue Pk. & Germany/ Private Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed 28th  | Dan O Sullivan, Skehenerin  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 1st  |  | 10.30am |
| Fri 2nd  | Daniel & Catherine Flaherty, Red Cottages | 10.30am |
| St. Padre Pio & Frist Friday evening Mass /Eileen Doyle, Clounmacon, **Months Mind** |  7.00pm |
|  Saturday 3rd  | Nora & Gene Moriarty, Charles St. | 10.30am |
| Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /Martin Fitzmaurice, John B Grove / Dr. Louis O Carroll, Clieveragh Rd. / Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane / Timothy O Flaherty, Newcastle west & Athea / Kathleen O Donnell nee Lawlor, Kilmoyley & Luton /Nora & Paddy Carmody, Skehenerin  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday 4th  | Mona O Connell, Ballygologue Rd. | 9.00am |
| Mary O Donoghue, Knockane, **Months Mind** | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 25th February, Fr. Hanafin 087-8341083 (emergencies only)***

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Ned White, Bedford / Jimmy Deauveaux, Cahirdown / Margaret O Shea, Prescott.

**RECENT DEATHS: Philomena McCarthy,** Ennismore.

**Basil Brennan,** Colbert Street.

**Jack Flavin,** Church St.

**Patrick O Donoghue,** London late of Dirha East.

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Our sincere thanks for the Offertory Collection last weekend.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**WORLD MEETING ON FAMILIES NATIONAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**: While it will be a great honour and privilege for Ireland to host this national and international event on Family life taking place in Dublin next August, it will require an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard the third national collection is being held in all our churches after Communion this weekend. Bishop Ray is encouraging us to give as generously as we can afford. Thanks

**WORLD MEETING ON FAMILIES REGISTERATION**: is now open online . Individuals and groups can now book their tickets.

<https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-> Once it has been confirmed that Pope Francis is attending, the venue can be confirmed and tickets for the Closing Mass will be allocated to the dioceses. Ticketing will be managed via the Diocesan Delegate and parishes. *More details later.*

**DUAGH / LYRE PARISH MISSION**: begins on this Saturday night and end on Friday night next ( March 2nd ). It is being led by the Redemptorist Mission Team and with two daily masses in Duagh Church at 7.30 p.m. & 11.00 a.m. & in Lyre at 9.30 .a.m. There is also an evening session each evening in Duagh Church. More details in Poster at back of church. All are welcome!

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE BOXES**: Thank you if you have already picked up your envelope. Trócaire is the overseas Development Agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland which runs throughout Lent. Please take one from back of church for each household and return during Holy Week. *Many Thanks*.

**PROGRAMME ON FAMILY:** continues each Tuesday night in the Parish Meeting Room on Pope Francis ‘***Joy of Love’*** This is a great opportunity to do something special for Lent. It is being facilitated by *Fr. Sean O. Sheehy*. It is free all are welcome.

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**: In preparati9on for First Friday Canon Declan will do his calls to the Sick & Housebound this week on *Thursday afternoon next. (March 1st* ) The Parish Office will make contact the usual list but should anyone new wish a visit, please just ring the Office and he will be happy to call.

CONFESSIONS: on Thursday morning after mass and again on Saturday morning next.

**ADORATION GROUP** Will meet on Wednesday Morning after 10.30am. Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

**MARCH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH PROGRAMME**  for our First Holy Communion Children 2018 and their families will take place at our Vigil Mass on Saturday night next (3RD March.) The organising parents for the month of March are asked to meet Canon Declan for a short meeting in the Presbytery on Thursday evening next from 6.00 – 6.30 p.m.

**LISTOWEL PASTORAL AREA LENTEN TALK**: The Diocese has invited ***Martina Lehane Sheehan*** to speak in St. John’s Theatre, The Square on Wednesday March 7th @ 8pm. Her topic is: *Living in each other’s shadow – Living, Forgiving and Healing Relationships. Martina is an accredited psychotherapist and spiritual director, regularly facilitates retreats and workshops on matters of spirituality and personality.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** a short presentation will take place on Friday morning (First Friday) after the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**PARISH BOXES:** Our thanks to all of you who picked up your Parish Boxes last weekend. The new boxes are due from next weekend. For those parishioners who didn’t get a chance to pick up their parish boxes they can be collected in the **Parish Office**.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**PRO LIFE MEDICAL INFORMATIOON NIGHT**: takes place in the Rose Hotel, Tralee on this Sunday night at 6pm. and the March for Life in Dublin on March 10th Many thanks for the warm welcome you gave to our Pro Life speaker last weekend. Also we continue to bring your attention to the Catholic Communications Office double-sided newsletter Choose Life 2018 which is being published weekly between now and next May. ***Choose Life 2018*** promotes the Church's position on unborn human [www.chooselife2018.ie](http://www.chooselife2018.ie) .. Also leaflets at the back of the church.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE** Irish language bi-annual running festival Rith will be finishing its 500km course in Listowel! Rith lasts for seven days in its entirety, beginning in Belfast on the 11th March.  Running in tandem with this unique event will be the annual parade here in Listowel. Owing to Rith 2018, would like to attract as many people as possible to Listowel on the day, and to have as many possible involved in the day’s activities! To register your group for the parade, contact Christy Walsh (of Christy’s The Square for an entry form. Any individuals or groups looking to participate in Rith can do so by contacting a member of Glór na nGael in Listowel, or buying a km on the rith website [www.rith.ie](http://www.rith.ie).
**LISTOWEL HOSPICE A.G.M.** next Tuesday 27th February in St. Patrick’s Hall at 7pm. New members always welcome.

**LISTOWEL TIDY TOWNS GROUP** will hold their 2018 A.G.M. on Tuesday night next February 27th at 8pm in St Patrick's Hall.

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

**LADIES RING FOUND** in The Square contact garda station.

**GROW Community Mental Health Movement in Ireland.**  A four week introductory programme entitled **Getting to Know Grow** starts on Wednesday 7th March at 8pm in the Seanchaí  Centre, Listowel. This programme is open to all and is free of charge. No introductions needed. Just come along. For more information, contact Jerry,  086 0271990.

**THE UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARM** programme runs at the Listowel Family Resource Centre  on Wednesday 28th Feb from 10-4pm. contact Toni on 23584. Places limited as programme is restricted to 20 people.

“**LIVING WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES?** Let us help. Book a place on our free X-PERT course (6 weeks, 2 ½ hours). The course is run by HSE Community Dietitians. Visit [www.hse.ie/xpert](http://www.hse.ie/xpert) or call 087 673 4035 to book a place on an upcoming course in Listowel.”

**PAEDATRIC FIRST AID** two-day course 10.30-12.30pm on March 5 and 12 at Listowel Family Centre. Further details from 068 23584. Book now as spaces limited.

**THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY** operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society’s website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

**KERRY BRANCH OF SAMARITANS** our Christmas Collections which is greatly appreciated was collected. Listowel St Marys € 3,450.81.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE**: Contact 0667134276

The *Amoris* programme: A parish conversation in preparation for the World Meeting of Families which helps participants to reflect on and share their experience of family life in the light of Pope Francis’ vision in the ‘Gospel of Family’ A joy for all the world*.* Wed. 28th Feb., March 7th, 14th, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Unislim: Mondays 5.30pm-6.30pm Contact: Rachael 0879377265. Tai Chi: Tuesdays 6.00pm-7.00pm Contact Maria 0877953589. Ardfert Historical Lecture Series: An evening of storytelling aboput old Ardfert By Anne Kearney, Thurs. 1st March 8.00pm. All Welcome!

**THE NCBI SHOP** is in Church Street, Listowel, we would greatly appreciate donations(clothing, household bric a brac, toys, books and small furniture items etc...) and we are recruiting volunteers. If anybody has any spare time to give to the shop, please call in for a chat. NCBI work to support services for 18,500 blind and vision impaired throughout Ireland. Anybody having a post Christmas clear-out, please think of us.Thank you.

 Many thanks,Samantha Hogan( manageress of the Listowel shop)

**THE KERRY REGISTERED CHILDREN'S CHARITY HOPE GUATEMALA** is having their AGM upstairs in The Horseshoe Bar and Restaurant Listowel on Saturday March 3rd at 11am. They will be discussing what they have done and the upcoming plans for the year ahead. All welcome.