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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**11th February 2018**

 **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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 10th Feb. – 18th FEB**

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| Saturday 10th  | Hannah O Connor, Lartigue Village, **Month Mind** / Michael Roche, London & O’Connell’s Ave. **1st Anniversary** /Robert McElligott, Convent St. /Tom & Nellie O Donnell, Mary Moran & Sarah Bambury, Ballylongford / Margaret (Madge) O Donoghue, Beale, Asdee / Maisie, Thady, Daniel & Eileen McCarthy, Duagh /Bridget, Nora & William Brosnan, Behins /Peg & John Gunn, O’Connell’s Ave.  | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 11th  | Bryan, Kitty & Garry McMahon, Ashe St. | 9.00am |
| Nora Keane Moriarty, Luachra Rd. **Months Mind** / Noreen McGrath, Cahirdown /Special Intention / Martin Whelan, Finuge /John & Nellie Moloney, Charles St. /Bridget Walsh, Convent Cross  | 11.30am |
| Mon 12th  |  | 10.30am |
| Tues 13th  | Claire O Donnell, Charles Street /Special Intention / Ian McCarthy, Duagh /Jack & Mary Guiney, William, James & John & Deceased Members of the Guiney & Enright Families, Ballyhahill, Glin & Moyvane  | 10.30am |
| Wed 14th  | Michael Daly, Knockane, **1st Anniversary** | 10.30am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | **1.10pm** |
|  | **7.00pm** |
| Thurs 15th  | Eddie Stack, Dromerin & New York, Recently Deceased  | 10.30am |
| Fri 16th  | Jack & Mollie Nolan, Aviation Drive /Micky & Eileen Egan Coilbee/Catherine Kennelly, Tarbert  | 10.30am |
|  Saturday  17th  Saturday17th   | Fr. Brendan Dalton, Bridge Rd & Florida **Months Mind** | 10.30am |
| Michael (Gegs) Nolan, O’Connell’s Ave, **Month Mind** / Sarah Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tec. / William McMahon, Gortaglanna, Kilmorna / Sinead Collins, Feale Dr. & Hannah Curtin, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Betty Gormaly, St. Brendan’s Tec./Bridie Sayers, Greenville, Birthday Rem./ Ann Mulvihill, Coolaclarig /Mossie Walsh, The Square /Joan, Timothy & Patrick Buckley, Knockane /Lil Horgan, Charles Street  | **Vigil 6.15pm****Vigil****6.15pm** |
|  Sunday 18th  | Michael Lynch, 1st Anniversary & Marina Lynch, O’Connell’s Ave. | 9.00am |
| Elizabeth Barrett, Golf view, Birthday Rem. /Dora & Bob Browne, Tralee | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 11th February, Fr. Brick 0879473317 (emergencies only)***

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Bridie Flavin, Knockane /

 John Carrig, Tarbert / Timmy Canty, O’Connell’s Ave.

**RECENT DEATHS: John Paul Enright,** London, late of

**Mary O Donoghue nee Daly,** Knockane.

**Eileen Patricia Doyle,** Clounmacon.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**FEBRUARY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH PROGRAMME** We welcome, our First Holy Communion Children 2018 and their families who are participating at our Vigil Mass on this Saturday night .

**DIOCESAN FEBRUARY COLLECTION FOR LOURDES HELPERS** takes place at all masses this weekend. – Feb. 10th / 11th after Holy Communion. It supports the many young helpers travelling to Lourdes next September and also assists some pilgrims that may not be able to afford to pay their full fare.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** on this Sunday as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Lady of Lourdes – Special prayers for the Sick will be offered at our Masses.

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING** will take place on this Monday 12th February at 7.30pm. in the Parish Meeting Room.

**LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT – FEBRUARY 14th**

It is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each of our three Masses - **10.30 am morning Mass & 1.10pm. Lunch time & at 7.00pm evening Mass.**

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY:** We bring to your attention the Catholic Communications Office double-sided newsletter Choose Life 2018 which will be published weekly between now and next May. ***Choose Life 2018*** promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. Please check out … [www.chooselife2018.ie](http://www.chooselife2018.ie) there are also leaflets at the back of the church.

**PRO LIFE TALK**: Following up on above theme, Bishop Ray has given permission to a speaker from ***Pro Life*** who will speak at each of our Masses in Listowel & Duagh / Lyre next weekend – 17th / 18th Feb.

**A SIX-WEEK PROGRAMME ON FAMILY** As we prepare to celebrate the ***World Meeting on Families 2018*** which will take place in Dublin next August, a programme involving video presentation and discussion on Pope Francis' teaching on the ***Joy of Love*** and the importance of family as the school of love/caring - beginning on Tuesday February 20th from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in the PARISH Meeting Room, and will run throughout Lent. This is a great opportunity to do something special for Lent. The family is where love is experienced. It will be facilitated by our own ***Fr. Sean O. Sheehy***. All are welcome.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY MASS**: *‘Aifreann Lá le Pádraig’* will be broadcast live on RTÉ Television & RTE Radio simultaneously on St. Patrick’s Day here from St. Mary’s Church at **11.00 a.m**. This is a great honour for the Parish of Listowel to show off our beautiful church. . Please note that the Mass on the day is at the earlier time of 11.00 a.m. to suit the RTÉ schedule. *More details later.*

**LISTOWEL PASTORAL AREA LENTEN TALK**: Please note in your Diary that 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 personal development. She is a very popular author and has written widely on prayer and spirituality. More details later.*

**NEW PARISH BOXES FOR 2018**: Our Parish Boxes are due for renewal at beginning of March. Denise the *Parish Secretary* will be at the **back of the *church before and after each mass* next weekend (Feb. 17th & 18th) with the new Parish Boxes**. **you will need your box number as they are in numerical order as you cannot pick up your box without it.** The Parish Finance Council strongly encourage as many as possible to use the Boxes because of the benefits of the Tax Rebate System which raised **€14,833.83** for year of 2016 – so talk to Denise to get registered to use the system.

18**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ST BRIGID'S CROSSES**  for sale in the Parish Office, €5 each made by local ladies. All proceeds will go to Listowel Hospice.

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

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIRED** are hosting their tea dance in the Listowel Arms Hotel from 3pm to 6pm on Sunday 18th Feb. tea served. Admission €5 everybody welcome

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Open public meeting in Parish Hall,

Ballylongford on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th, 8.30pm. All are welcome.

**NORTH KERRY ALZHEIMERS** Annual Church Gate Collection will take place on 24th & 25th February.

**M.S. VALENTINES COFFEE MORNING** Saturday 17th Feb. from 11am to 1pm. in Tomasins Bar, Lisselton Cross. All welcome.

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY will run a book sale of good quality books from February 5th - 17th inclusive. Call in and see what’s available. Reasonably priced to suit all pockets.**

**TARBERT COM. FUNDRAISING ENVENT BINGO** Sun. 25th Feb. at 3pm. in the School books single €10 Double €15 jackpot sheets €2.

**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.

**WORKSHOP FOR THE PARISH CANTOR** There will be a workshop for the parish cantor on Thursday, March 1st 2018 in St. John's Parish Centre, Tralee.  The workshop will begin at 7:30pm.  The purpose of this workshop is to provide training and resources for cantors and those hoping to start this ministry in their parish.  There will be a particular focus on Lenten and Easter material.  The workshop will be facilitated by Ailish Walsh O' Connor (Director of Music, Castleisland Parish and St. Joseph's Presentation, Castleisland) and Tomás Kenny (Diocesan Pastoral Team).  Please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie if you would like to book a place.  Please book by Friday, February 23rd 2018 as places are limited.