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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**18th February 2018**

**First 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 17th Feb. – 25th FEB**

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| Saturday 17th  | 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. / Bridie Sayers, Greenville, Birthday Rem./ Ann Mulvihill, Coolaclarig / Mossie Walsh, The Square /Joan, Timothy & Patrick Buckley, Knockane /Lil Horgan, Charles Street /Ned & Sonny Sheehy, Coolagown | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 18th  | Michael Lynch**, 1st Anniversary** & Marina Lynch, O’Connell’s Ave. /Fredrick Hyland, London | 9.00am |
| Maureen Horan, Kilmoyley, **Recently Dec. /**Elizabeth Barrett, Golf view, Birthday Rem. /Dora & Bob Browne, Tralee  | 11.30am |
| Mon 19th  |  | 10.30am |
| Tues 20th  | Eoin Kenny, Ballinruddery **1st Anniversary** | 10.30am |
| Wed 21st  | Special Intention /Peggy Harnett, Ennismore | 10.30am |
| Thurs 22nd  | Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| Fri 23rd  | Catherine O Sullivan, Clieveragh Downs /Johnny Holly, O’Connell’s Ave. &Paddy Roche, Ballybunion | 10.30am |
|  Saturday  24th  | Sheila McMullan, Tralee /William Harnett, Church St. | 10.30am |
| Patrick & Ellen Lyons, Clieveragh /Kevin Lucey, Knockroe Drive & Charles St.  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday 25th  | Ellen, Nell, Mollie, Hannah & Maire Enright, Ballahadigue /Hannah & Joseph Walsh, Church St. | 9.00am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 18th February, Fr. McNamara 089-4044816 (emergencies only)***

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Mai Heffernan, Woodford /

**RECENT DEATHS: Val O Connor,** Greenville.

**Patrick Buckley,** Patrick’s Street.

**Bridget Canty,** O’Connell’s Ave.

**Sr. Eileen Brosnan**, died in Australia late of The Cot, Kilmorna.

**Michael Lawlee,** Ballygologue Park.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**PRO LIFE TALK**: We welcome a speaker from ***Pro Life*** who will address us at each of our Masses in this weekend immediately after Holy Communion. – 17th / 18th Feb.

**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’ Amoris***  and the importance of family as the school of love/caring - beginning on Tuesday next Feb. 20th from 7.30 to 9.00 pm in the PARISH Meeting Room, It will run for six weeks 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*. It is free all are welcome.

**LISTOWEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on this Tuesday 20th February at 8pm. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

**LEGION OF MARY**meet every Wednesday at 8pm. *New members always welcome.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: Short presentation will take place after the 10.30am on Friday morning next, Feb. 23rd. This is just a small way that we can focus on the meaning of Lent culminating the Holy Week ceremonies in preparation for Easter.

**NATIONAL CHURCH COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS****FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES** WMOF is taking place in Dublin next August. It promises to be an occasion that will reflect on the faith experience of families from many parts of the world as well as on the challenges and celebrations which characterise the ups and downs of day-to-day family life. Pope Francis hopes to come to Ireland for it. Hosting this national and international event is both a privilege and a responsibility. It requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard the third national collection will be held in all churches next weekend, immediately after Holy Communion. Bishop Ray is encouraging us to give generously to help fund this promotion of family life.

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE BOXES**: are available at the back of the church. Please collect your envelope which contains all the info on this year’s campaign. All your Lenten offering which help the poorest of the poor in the Third World can be returned to the church during Holy Week.

**DUAGH/LYRE MISSION** Is starting next week 24th Feb to 2nd of March. All details are at the back of the Church notice board.

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY:** 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 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

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Ministry in the Church by Bishop (Emeritus) Bill Murphy, Gathering for All Parish Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Parish personnel in the Kerry Diocese, Thursday next - 22nd Feb. 7.00pm-9.30pm.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ** The Diocese of Kerry will once again host a diocesan youth pilgrimage to Taizé in France.  There are 15 places available.  The dates for the pilgrimage are Sunday, July 1st 2018 and returning home on Sunday, July 8th.  For more information please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie  Also see diocesan website for additional information.

***REMINDER:*** Your parish boxes can be picked up at the back of the church before and after each mass **this weekend only (Feb. 17th & 18th)** **you will need your box number as they are in numerical order as you cannot pick up your box without it**

**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.

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

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

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

**LENTEN PROGRAMME 2018** Tralee Pastoral Area will host an open talk with Bishop Kevin Doran speaking on the *Christian Vision of Family*. It will take place on Feb 19th Monday @ 7.30 p.m. in St. John’s Parish Church, Tralee. On Feb 22nd Thursday @ 8.00 p.m. Br. Pádraig McIntyre osb will speak on *Finding ourselves in the Lenten Jesus* in the Heights Hotel, Killarney, hosted by Killarney Pastoral Area. All are welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information, check out [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**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.

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

**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.

**JOHNNY BARRETT TRIBUTE SHOW** will take place on Friday February 23rd at 8pm. in St. John’s Theatre Listowel. This will be a 2 hour show on a large screen showing Johnny playing his best music from the 1980’s with footage of the dance halls of Kerry, Clare and Limerick and scenery from around Ireland. This is a fundraising concert to erect a monument in Johnny’s honour in his hometown of Charleville, Co. Cork.

**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.

“**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.”

**THE UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARM** programme runs atu 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.