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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**4th March 2018**

**3rd 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 4th March – 12th March**

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| Saturday 3rd  | 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 | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 4th  | Mona O Connell, Ballygologue Rd. | 9.00am |
| Mary O Donoghue, Knockane, **Months Mind** | 11.30am |
| Mon 5th  |  | 10.30am |
| Tues 6th  | Special Intention /Teresa Wolfe, Bridge Road | 10.30am |
| Wed 7th  | Thomas & Jack O Connell & Mary Kelly, Shrone | 10.30am |
| Thurs 8th  | Jamie O Carroll, Caherdaniel, Birthday Remembrance | 10.30am |
| Fri 9th  | Mary Prenderville, Moyessa, **Months Mind** | 10.30am |
|  Saturday 10th  | Patrick & Nora Sheehy, Bedford | 10.30am |
| Val O Connor, Greenville, **Months Mind** /Patrick Buckley, Upper William St., **Months Mind** / Tom Walshe, Dublin & Listowel, **Recently Deceased** & John Joseph Walshe, Lower William St. / Noel Woods, London /Michael O Mahony, Woodford, & Deceased Family / Kathleen Whelan, Finuge /Mary & Dick Pierse, Market St. /Helen Nagle nee O Connor, Skehenerin  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday 11th  | Pat & Kitt Dowling, Bridge Road | 9.00am |
| Michael & Bridget O Carroll, Clieveragh /Josephine & James Allen, Killocrim | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 4th Fr. Kennelly, 087-2931064 (emergencies only)***

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Dr. Louie O’Carroll, Clieveragh & Dublin.

**RECENT DEATHS** **Tom Hannon**, Willow Brook.

**Paul Doyle,** Tanavalla.

**Catherine (Kit) Guerin,** Ballahadigue.

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

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** We welcome our children who are participating in our children’s liturgy at Vigil Mass this weekend. The gospel will be explained to them in a child friendly manner in 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 this Saturday night (3RD March.)

**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*.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS** Tuesday 6th March, Gael Scoil 1pm. Presentation Primary 6.15pm. Wednesday 7th, Scoil Realta Na Maidine, 6.15pm.

Killocrim Thursday 8th, at 8pm.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** Will meet on Friday 9th in the Presbytery at 8pm.

**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.

**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.

**24 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & RECONCILIATION** St. Mary’s Church, with the Friars of Moyross. Starting Friday 9th March at 7pm. closing Saturday 10th after Vigil Mass. Intention: Healing and the Family. Programme at the back of the Church.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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.

**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).

**RECENT LOLLIPOP DAY** in aid of Cancer Fund at Garvey’s. Amount raised was €320 thank you to all who contributed.

**COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION WORKSHOPS** Monday March 5th at 7.10pm. in the Listowel Family Resource Centre.

**KERRY HOSPICE:** The County AGM will take place on Monday 5th March at 8.30pm in the Palliative Care Unit, KUH, Tralee. New members welcome.'

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

“**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 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.