##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**25th March 2018**

**Passion Sunday**

**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 March – 1st April**

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| Saturday 24th  | Jack Flavin, Church St. **Months Mind** /Nelius Leahy, Feale Drive /Gee & Peggy Dore, Charles St. & Lartigue Village Margaret & Denis McElligott & Deceased Family Members, Bedford /Anthony Greaney, Ballygologue Park /Tadgh & Betty Hickey, Clouncagh /Noreen Stack, Ballybunion | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| **Palm Sunday**Sunday 25th  | Dick Stokes & Deceased Family Members, Listowel & Mullingar | 9.00am |
| Philly McCarthy, Ennismore, **Months Mind** /Basil Brennan, Colbert St., **Months Mind** /Tom Hannon, Willow brook**, Months Mind** /Michael Quille, Woodford /Mary Dowling, Ballinruddery | 11.30am |
| Mon 26th  |  | 10.30am |
| **Easter Confessions** | **8.00pm** |
| Tues 27th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed 28th  |  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 29th  | **Morning Prayers** | **10.30am** |
| **Mass of the Lord’s Supper –**Liam Frances Woulfe, Horse Shoe Bar | **8.00pm** |
| Fri 30th  | **Morning Prayers** |  **10.30am** |
| **Passion of our Lord** |  **3.00pm** |
| **Stations of the Cross** |  **8.00pm** |
|  Saturday 31st  | **Morning Prayers** | **10.30am** |
|  Anthony Curtin, Clounmacon /Betty Gormaly, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Joan & Ned Brick, Listowel & Athea, Sheila Mocklor, Breda Sullivan & Mary Kelly, Listowel.Kitty Neville, Bedford & Danny, John & Alfe Neville | **Vigil 8.00pm** |
|  **Easter****Sunday**1stApril  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Michael Barrett, Golf view, Months Mind /Denis Joe Hannon, Clieveragh, 1st Ann. /Maire O Connor, Ballylongford, /Jack & Bridie Leahy, Ballygologue Rd. /Johnny, Joe & Michael Moloney, Woodford & New York. | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 25th***

***Fr. McNamara, 089-4044816 (emergencies only)***

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Hannah Curtin, St. Brendan’s Tce. / Patrick & Michael O Shaughnessy, William St. & Kentucky / Paul Kirby, Charles St. / Molly Lynch, Killocrim / Brian Holland, the Writings/ Eileen Relihan, Bedford / James Sugrue, O’Connell’s Ave. / James, Catherine & Mary O Sullivan, Gortnaminch.

**RECENT DEATHS** Bernie O Connor, Lartigue Village.

Eileen Fitzgibbon nee O’Connell, The Square.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY:** is Sunday next **March 25th** as we begin Holy Week and celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. The blessing of Palms will take place at each of masses in the Parish.

**HOLY WEEK CONFESSION FOR OUR PASTORAL AREA**: will take place  **on Monday week 26th March at 8.00 p.m**. All the priests of the Pastoral Area hope to be present and we invite you to do your Easter duty on the night. Thanks.

**PROGRAMME ON FAMILY:** Last week of the Programme this Tuesday night in the Parish Meeting Room on Pope Francis ‘***Joy of Love’*** It is being facilitated by *Fr. Sean O. Sheehy*. It is free all are welcome.

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP** will meet on Wednesday 28th March at 7pm. in the Presbytery.

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

**PRO LIFE:** We bring your attention to this week’s Issue 8 of weekly newsletter for **Choose Life 2018**. All issues are also available on our diocesan website at [www.dioceseofkerry](http://www.dioceseofkerry) (*Home Page under Diocesan News*). Please inform yourself on this important issue.

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 160TH ANNIVERSARY** Theme: “Do whatever He tells you” September 2nd – 7th 2018. Flights ex Kerry Airport. Total cost €785.00 assisted pilgrims €675.00. Pilgrimage Coordinator Janice 064 7758219.

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed from Friday 30th to Tuesday 3rd April. Normal hours resumes on Wednesday 4th April.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**KERRY RIGHT TO LIFE** On Sunday 25th March at 6pm in Ballygarry House Hotel, Tralee, Kerry Right To Life invites you to hear John Waters and guests speak about  'The Crisis of Democracy in Ireland'

By attempting to vote on and remove the right to life, the Irish Government is dismantling our Constitution. Fundamental rights, such as the right to life, are now being voted on as if they were dispensable in a civilised society.

**EASTER CAMP LIMITED PLACES** booking required, Contact [Patricia Lyons](https://www.facebook.com/patricia.lyons.94?fref=mentions) on 06823584 Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks Included Where: Listowel Family Resource Centre When: 26th to 30th March 9.30am-1.30pm daily.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - BAG PACK FOR NCBI**

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) is looking for volunteers for its fundraising bag pack in Tesco Listowel  on Saturday 14th April. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours please contact Collette McEntee on 01 882 1970.

**INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SHEP COURSE** Start Date: Mon. 9th April 2018 10.30a.m to 1 p.m. Cost: Free (€2 contribution per session) Contact: Bridie 068-23584

**THE LISTOWEL COMMUNITY ACTION ON ALCOHOL GROUP** will host an evening seminar entitled 'Attitudes to Alcohol Consumption' at [Listowel Family Resource Centre](https://www.facebook.com/listowel.frc/?fref=mentions) on Wednesday.April 11 from 7-9pm. The keynote speakers will include; Minister for State Catherine Byrne and Olympic boxing sliver medallist in 2008, Kenny Egan.

**REFRESHER OCCUPATIONAL FIRST AID COURSE** Is being offered at Listowel Family Resource Centre On 23rd April 2018 For further details contact: Bridie 068-23584 .

**LISTOWEL EMMETS are currently undertaking a Club Development Plan. In order for us to plan for the future we are holding a workshop at our clubhouse on Thursday 5th April. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in the club to have their say and see how we can grow and develop our club in our community. We would love for as many people as possible to attend and we warmly welcome all input from everyone. The workshop will run for no longer than one hour and thirty minutes and refreshments will be served on the night also. This is a big step for our club and we hope you can all be a part of it. For further information please see our social media forums, our club website or Club PRO Pat Barry on** **pro.listowelemmets.kerry@gaa.ie** **or 087 7651416.**

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

**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.