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 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**9th December 2018**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 9th – 16th December**

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| Sat.8th  | Peggy O Connor nee Enright, Bridge Rd**. Months Mind** & Kevin O Connor, Joe & Julie Enright /Helen McConnell nee Rowan, O’Connell’s Ave. /Caroline Enright, Feale Drive / Jackie Halpin, Dromin / Margaret Moloney, Derry / John O Halloran, The Meadows / Willie Doyle, Fourhane /Eleanor Culbert nee Moore, Charles St. & Newbridge / Thanksgiving Mass / Marie Kelliher, Lartigue Village | 6.15pmVigil |
| Sun. 9th   | Tim & Teresa Greaney & Jack & Jane Kelly, Finuge / Danny B. Joy, Gortnaminch  | 9.00am |
| John Broderick, **1st Ann**. & Sheila Broderick, Coolnaleen / Nora Walsh, Greenville Rd. /Timmy Kennelly, Bedford /Joseph & Hannah Walsh, Dirha East & Dec. Family | 11.30am |
| Mon 10th  | Mary Walsh, Dirha East | 10.30am |
| Tues 11th  | Daniel Hurley, Cork | 10.30am |
| Wed 12th  | Kevin Casey, Woodford | 10.30am |
| Thurs 13th  | Luke Slowey, Fermanagh & London /Special Intention  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 14th  | St. Michael’s College Christmas Mass |  10.30am |
|  Sat. 15th  | Ann Barry, Scartlea, **Months Mind** /Cyril O Gorman, Clieveragh | 10.30am |
| Elizabeth Kiernan, Hawthorn Drive, **Months Mind** / Elizabeth (Lila) Carroll, The Square /Nora Creane nee Fitzmaurice, Ennismore & England / David Cronin, Coolagown /Breda Walsh, Finuge  | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sun. 16th  | Eily & Denis Long, Knocknagoshel & Daniel, Thady, Masie & Eileen McCarthy Duagh | 9.00am |
| Elizabeth (Betty) O Sullivan, Charles St. **1st Ann.** /Donal Browne, **1st Ann**. & Brenda Browne, England & O’Connell’s Ave. / Tom Keane, Derry / John Sexton, William St.  | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our area on this Sunday 9th December***

***Fr. Kennelly, 087-2931064 (emergencies only)***

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS:** Please remember in your prayers our recent deaths:

 † **Noreen Hickey**, Ballygologue Pk. Reposing Lyons Funeral Home this Sunday 9th 4pm to 7pm arriving to the Church for 7.30pm. Requiem Mass Monday at 11.30am. Burial in Kilshenanen Cemetery.

**† Fr. Brian Dalton,** Florida USA & Bridge Rd. Reposing Gleasures Funeral Home, Listowel Wednesday 12th Dec. arriving to the Church for 7.30pm. Requiem Mass Thursday 11.30am. Burial in St. Michael’s Cemetery.

a*nd for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Mary Canty nee Naughton, St. Brendan’s Tec. / Patrick O Connor, O’Connell’s Ave. / John Danaher, Cahirdown / Mary Hanlon, O’Connell’s Ave. / Peggy Stack nee Griffin, O’Connell’s Ave. / Eddie Leahy, Shrone West / David Bungan, Convent St.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DECEMBER PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION 2019**: We welcome our children and parents who are joining us on this Saturday night for our Vigil Mass.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS DURING ADVENT** Adoration will continue every Sunday throughout Advent from 3 to 6pm.

**O’CONNELL’S AVE. GROTTO** Rosary will be said on Sunday 9th at 6pm. at the Grotto.

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**  Monday Dec. 10th at 11am. Straight after Morning Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

**CHRISTMAS SCHOOL MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Monday Dec. 10th Coláiste na Ríochta at 9.00 a.m. in the school.

Nano Nagle School: Tuesday Dec. 11th at 1.30 p.m.

St. Michael’s College: Friday 14th The 10.30 a.m. Parish Mass is being hosted by the students & staff.

**CHRISTMAS MASS FOR KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS:** Thursday, Dec. 13th at 2.00 p.m. in their Centre.

**CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE / CONFESSIONS**: will take place on Monday (Dec. 17th) at 8 p.m. here at St. Marys Church. It will consist of a short penitential service followed by the opportunity of individual confession with a number of priests of the Pastoral Area present. We appeal to as many people as possible to avail of this for Christmas Confessions. .

**PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND FALL 2020:** Following the success of the lovely pilgrimage to Poland last July our Parish Pastoral Council are looking at organising a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the **Fall of 2020**. At the moment we just want people to express an interest in this ‘*once in a life time trip’* to see if it would be worthwhile or viable. Please express your interest by giving your name to ***Denise (***Parish Office) before the end of January 2019. *More details later*.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Advent Retreat: Led by: Fr. Gerard McCarthy SVD, Fri. 14th to Sun 16th Dec. This annual retreat which is open to all and is an ideal way to take time out for personal reflection and opportunity to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Please call 0667134276 for both residential and non-residential bookings.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIRED CHRISTMAS LUNCH** In the Arm’s Hotel on Tuesday 11th December at 2.30pm.

**KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS Presents a Gala Christmas concert** in association with Kerry Choral Union on Sunday 16th Dec. in St. Mary’s Church, Listowel. Tickets from parish office & Pat Whelan’s Shop €10.

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY** will host a story time morning on December 15th at 11.30 AM. 'Songs Stories and other Eccentricities’.

Suitable for Ages 3-10. Free Event, please bring your listening ears and an adult. No advance booking necessary.

**CONCERN CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** will take place next weekend 15th & 16th Dec.

**TOASTMASTERS:** Listowel Toastmasters will meet at the Listowel Arms Hotel on Thursday, 13 December at 8pm. As it is the last meeting before Christmas, there will be lots of festive topics, conversation and laughs so don't miss it! The club would like to extend Christmas and New Year greetings to all its members, friends and supporters.

**ANAM CARA KERRY,** which supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday next at 7:20pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Killierisk, Tralee. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**: ***(Please note the times)***

**Christmas Eve – Monday, Dec. 24th**

**5.30 p.m.** Children’s Vigil Mass with the Parish Folk Group.

**8.00 p.m.** Mass of the Nativity with Parish Choir.

**Christmas Day Mass: Tuesday, Dec. 25th**

**9.00 a.m.** Christmas Morning Mass

**11.30 a.m**. Christmas Day Mass with the Parish Choir.

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