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**Parish Priest: Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hours emergency 0870908949.**Email:** listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie. *Newsletter notices have to be in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Funerals** take place Mondays to Saturdays at 11.30am. **Baptisms** take place on Saturdays at 4pm. **Confessions:** Saturdays after 10.30am Mass. Check out our Parish Web Page at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) for a live stream of all Masses. Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Baptism of the Lord**

**13th January 2019**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 13th – 20th January 2019**

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| Sat.12th  | Anne McElligott, Convent St. /Dora & Larry Buckley, Tanavalla & Joe Carr Balbriggan / John Neville, Woodford / Michael Barrett, Dirha East /Mossie Carmody, Skehenerin /Kathleen Hartnett, Clieveragh /Christopher Hennessy, Bedford / Betty Chute & Dec. Family, Cahirdown / Dan & Teresa Downey & Mary Ahern, O’Connell’s Ave. /Betty Chute & Dec. Family, Cahirdown /Denis Curtin, Coolaclarig /Peter Doyle, Tanavalla  | 6.15pmVigil |
| Sun. 13th   | Eileen & John Griffin, & Dec. Family, Bridge Rd. /Bridget Enright, Ennismore /Pauline Carey, Cluain Doire & Martin & Nora Carey, Toornageehy /Teresa Healy, Convent Cross & Courthouse Lawn | 9.00am |
| Elizabeth Quille, Woodford, **1st Anniversary** /Christy Sommers & Dec. Family Billerough /Stuart Stack & Damien & Justin, William St.  | 11.30am |
|  Mon 14th  | James Shine, London | 10.30am |
| Tues 15th  | Michael & Margaret Dillon, Meen & Eddie Leahy, Shrone | 10.30am |
| Wed 16th  | Denis B O Sullivan, Bolton’s Cross  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 17th  | Private Intention  | 10.30am |
|  Fri 18th | Elizabeth Barrett, Golf View, Birthday Rem.  |  10.30am |
| Sat. 19th | Mass of Thanksgiving | 10.30am |
| Maurice & Lena Hannon, The Square /John Curtin, Dromin /Con Leahy, Feale Drive /Elizabeth Browne, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Eddie & Anne Browne, Coolagown  | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sun.20th  | Noreen O Connor, Kilbaha, Moyvane  | 9.00am |
| Fiona O Connor, The Square | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area on this Sunday 13th January Fr. Declan O Connor, 087-0908949 (emergencies only)***

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

† **Gerard McElligott,** Curraghatoosane.

**† John Robert Slemon,** Cluainin, & late of Feale Drive.

**† Mary Purcell,** Woodford.

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Jeremiah Kelliher, Greenville Rd., Birthday Remembrance / Fredrick & Betty Chute, Cahirdown / Michael Dillon, Meen / Michael Gegs Nolan, O’Connell’s Ave. / Lizzie Griffin, O’Connell’s Ave. / Anna Mai O Connor, Tullamore.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CELEBRATING THE BAPTISMS OF 2018:** As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord this, weekend we welcome the **babies** who were baptised here at St. Mary’s Church during the past year of **2018** for our **11.30 a.m Mass on Sunday.** . We are delighted that our permanent Deacon Tady O’Connor, Killcummin, Killarney will be joining us for the celebration. A special New Year’s Blessing will be given to all our babies present. Do not worry if they cry or make a commotion – we are delighted as a Parish to have you.

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**  Monday 14th at 11am. Straight after Morning Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.

**LECTIO DEVINA (SACRED READING GROUP) Resumes after 10.30am. Mass on Tuesday 15th, for less than hour.**

**JANUARY PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION 2019**: will take place a t the Vigil Mass next Saturday night 19TH. The Parents and children are all asked to attend. There will be a meeting of the organising group with Fr. Declan in the Presbytery on Thursday evening at 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** (0667134276) Christian Spiritual Development Course-The Beatitudes: Fr. Sean Sheehy - Wednesdays - Beginning 16th Jan. 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Be Still and Know: Fr. Louis Hughes O.P. Saturday 9th February, 2019 - 10.00am - 4.00pm. Life in the Spirit: Moss & Janice Carrig - Tuesdays - starts Feb. 19th - 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

**INTERESTING STATISTICS FROM OUR PARISH**

**FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS**

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| **Year** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| **Baptisms** | 72 | 70 | 69 | 64 | 69 |
| **Confirmation** | 64 | 81 | 75 | 86 | 67 |
| **Marriages** | 10 | 17 | 16 | 22 | 14 |
| **Funerals** | 64 | 71 | 48 | 57 | 87 |

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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 Secretary)*  *More details later*.

**DESIGNER MINDS** will be running a Primary Science, Design and Technology after-school club in Listowel. 1 hour of fun, hands-on, educational activities each week, for girls and boys who love to design, build and experiment. Starts week of 21st January. Visit [www.designerminds.ie](http://www.designerminds.ie) or call 087 631 0411.

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY:**will host a talk onNutrition for Kids in the Twenty First Century, facilitated by Niamh O Connor, accredited Dietician and Nutrition Consultant. Target audience – parents/guardians of children and young people on **Thursday, 24 January  Listowel Library, 11.00 am​ Free event, All welcome. No advance booking necessary.**

**MESSENGER (Sacred Heart Magazine)** Reminder to return envelops to Anna or Margaret, 0872672054 before the end of January. New Subscribers welcome.

**THE ARD CHURAM CHOIR** will resume practice on Monday January 14th at the Hospital Chapel, Listowel, 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Limited number of places available for new members. Contact Mairead Hanlon immediately 086 8696341.

Further Notices on our Website at

[www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com)

**PROGRESSIVE PATHWAYS FAIR 2019** Have you a disability, illness or additional support needs. Would you like information about Employment, Education, Training and Support options available to you. Come along to the free Event - Progressive Pathways Fair, Rose Hotel Tralee, Wednesday January 30th 12 -6pm. Free transport to the event available – check out routes, pick-up points and booking information on *www.locallinkkerry.ie*