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 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**24th of March 2019**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 24th – 31st March**

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| Sat.23rd  | Eileen Fitzgibbon, The Square & Woodlawn,1st Anniversary / Paddy Leahy, Feale Drive /Denis O Shea, Bridge Rd. /Helen Nagle nee O Connor, Skehenerin /Anthony Greaney, Ballygologue Pk. /Margaret & Denis McElligott & Dec. Family, Bedford /Michael O Mahony & Dec Family, Woodford | 6.15pmVigil |
| Sun. 24th   | Richard Stokes, Mullingar & Listowel &Elizabeth Stokes, Dublin & Mullingar | 9.00am |
| Bridie Collins, Hawthorn Drive /Michael Quille, Woodford  | 11.30am |
|  Mon 25th  |  | 10.30am |
| Tues 26th  | James, Margaret & Martin Corridan, Bedford & Thomas & Margaret O Berine, Roscommon  | 10.30am |
| Wed 27th  | Catherine Moore nee Donoghue, John & Nora O Donoghue & Mary Hunt nee O’Donoghue, Ballygologue Park | 10.30am |
| Thurs 28th  | Michael O Sullivan, Skehenerin, 1st Ann. | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 29th  | Mary (Mai) Slowey, Listowel & London  |  10.30am |
| Sat. 30th  | **People of the Parish**  | 10.30am |
| Tadgh & Betty Hickey, Limerick | Vigil 6.15pm |
|  Sun.31st  | Margaret McEnery / Pat Joe O’Callaghan, Ennismore, Birthday Remembrance  | 9.00am |
| Kitty & Danny Broderick, Gortcreen /Henrietta Dillon, Behins  | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 24th March Fr. Sean Hanafin, 087-8341083 (emergencies only).***

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

 **† Hannah Kelly,** Woodview, Cahirdown.

† **Josephine Henry (nee Scully),** Upper William Street.

† **Jeremiah (Derry) Lynch,** Feale Drive.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Molly Lynch, Killocrim / Máiréad O'Connor, Market St. / Noreen Stack, Listowel & Ballybunion / Patrick & Michael O Shaughnessy, William St. & Kentucky.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**LENTEN GATHERING:** The Listowel - North Kerry Pastoral Area are hosting a lovely gathering for **LENT** entitled: ‘***Finding God in time of trouble*** ‘ taking place at St. **John’s Theatre, The Square on this Monday night (March 25th ) at 8.00 p.m**. The format of the gathering will be an interview by our own Mary Fagan of Horizons, Radio Kerry with **Olive Foley**, *(widow of Munster coach Anthony 'Axel' Foley*) & **Fr. Donal O’Connor**, Chaplain of I.T. Tralee. It will last about one hour and admission is free. All are welcome.

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

**LISTOWEL LENTEN PARISH RETREAT:** will be held at Ardfert Retreat Centre on Wed. 27th March from 7.30pm-10.30pm. Please contact John, 0861617528 or Matt on 068 21420.

**LISTOWEL ADORATION GROUP** Will meet on Thursday 28th March, after 10.30am. mass in the parish meeting room.

**TRÓCAIRE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING 'DEFEND THE DEFENDERS':**Friday, 29 March 7.30 pm in CYMS Hall, Mill Road, Killorglin.  Come to hear how Trócaire is supporting vulnerable overseas communities against human rights abuses. Visit [*trocaire.org*](http://trocaire.org/) or call 087-7389892.

**LENTEN TALK: NAOMH BRÉANAINN PASTORAL AREA**  **‘Faith without justice is dead: the challenge of homelessness and poverty’** byFr Peter McVerry, S.J. on Tuesday 26th March in St. Bernard’s Church, Abbeydorney at 8.00 p.m.  All welcome to this very special event. This forms part of the Diocese of Kerry Lenten Programme for 2019.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIREMENT TEA DANCE** Sunday 24th March in Listowel Arms Hotel 3-6pm. Music & dancing, refreshments served.

**IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE** Will be holding a blood donor clinic in the Listowel Arms Hotel on Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March 5pm. to 8pm. each evening. 3 thousand units of blood are required every week.

**LARTIGUE THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS *Anyone could rob a Bank.*** A 3 act comedy by Thomas Coffey. 8pm. St. John’s Theatre, 28th March to 2nd April. For bookings contact St. John’s on 068-22566.

**WHO WANT S TO BE A THOUSANDAIRE?** The Listowel Arms Hotel Saturday 30th March at 8pm. Tickets €20 each or group ticket for €50. Ticket hotline:068-21994 Hosted by Scoil Réalta Na Maidine.

**FUNDRAISING VARIETY CONCERT**: to raise money towards getting a Bus for St. John of God Kerry Services. Friday 26th April at the Tinteán Theatre, Ballybunion at 7.30pm. Special prize of €100 on the door ticket. Tickets can be purchased in Listowel Parish Office.

**LISTOWEL TOASTMASTERS:** The next meeting of Listowel Toastmasters takes place at 8pm on March 28th in the Listowel Arms Hotel. Gain confidence, improve your speaking skills and have a laugh along the way. New members and guests always welcome.

**SAINT JOHN OF GOD KERRY SERVICES** have a wonderful upcoming show called “Sister” taking place at 8pm in  Siamsa Tire, Tralee on Tues 26th  & Wed 27th March. This is to provide service users with a musical platform to showcase their acting, dancing and singing talents. All are welcome. Tickets, €15, on Sale from Siamsa Tire on 066 7123055 or at boxoffice@siamsatire.com “

**REFRESH, RENEW, REKINDLE YOUR MARRIAGE** relationship on a  Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 12th – 14th April 2019 in Cork.      [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie/)    086-8334382

**ST. BENEDICT'S PRIORY, COBH, CO.CORK.**  Day of Recollection guided by the spirituality of the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier. Saturday 23rd March, 9.00 Mass and Adoration, 11.00 first talk, ends with tea at 3.30pm.  Lunch provided.  Contact Mother Prioress 0124811354.

***LENTEN REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS***

*Lent is a new beginning … The season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God ‘with all their hearts’ (Joel 2:12 ) .. to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord.*

 *Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us.*

Further Notices on our Website at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com)

**HELPING TO HEAL THE WOUNDED HEART:**  A talk on Grief and Loss, hosted by Claire Forde, Bereavement Counsellor, will take place at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Friday 29th March.  This is an opportunity to get to understand Grief and the Grief  journey.  What is it about? And why it is so important to process our Grief.  The talk will focus on areas of Grief including the 5 Stages, different types (including Pet Grief), coping mechanisms and it will also provide details of varioius support organisations that are available to us.  You are also invited to bring a photo of your deceased loved one/s (including pets) as the evening will conclude with a short memorial ceremony followed by a cuppa before going home. TIME: 07.30PM - 10.00PM. ADMISSION: €20.00 - €10.00 OAPs (payable at door on the night).

**GARDENING COURSE** Names are currently being taken for a gardening course to commence at Listowel Family Resource Centre in April. where participants will learn how to grow their own vegetables  and receive Fetac iLevel 3 certification in the process. Places limited, contact Bridie on 068 23584.

**THE KERRY BEEF PLAN COMMITTEE** *is holding a Beef Plan information evening, this Monday, 25th March at 8:00pm at Milltown Mart.  The meeting is organised to provide beef, suckler and dairy farmers with information about the new Farmer lead Beef Plan Group.  All welcome!*