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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***

 **8th Sunday in ordinary Time**

**3rd of March 2019**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 2nd – 10th March**

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| Sat.2nd  | Bernie & Hannah Mai O’Connor, Lartigue Village, **1st Anniversaries** /Teresa O Connor, Greenville, **1st Ann.** /Catherine Guerin, **1st Ann**. & Patrick Guerin, Ballahadigue /Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /Nora Carmody, Skehenerin /Kathleen Whelan, Finuge /Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane &Timothy O Flaherty, Newcastlewest & Athea / Michael & Julia Keane, Moyvane , Dan Allen, St. Brendan’s Tec., Maureen Hayes, O’Connell’s Ave. & Kitty Normoyle, Athea /Bill Dennehy, O ‘Connell’s Ave. | 6.15pmVigil |
| Sun. 3rd   | Dr. Louis O Carroll, Clieveragh & Cahirdown, Birthday Remembrance | 9.00am |
| Maud Carmody, Meen, **1st Anniversary** /Den Joe Hannon, Clieveragh /John Martin Ashe, Church Street  | 11.30am |
|  Mon 4th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Tues 5th  | Exam mass Intention  | 10.30am |
| **Ash** **Wed 6th**  |  | **10.30am** |
| **People of the Parish** | **1.10pm** |
|  | **7.00pm** |
| Thurs 7th  | Mass of thanksgiving | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 8th  | Tony Hartnett, Killocrim |  10.30am |
| Sat. 9th  | Rena McAuliffe, Courthouse Rd, Birthday Rem / Gene & Nora Moriarty, Charles St.  | 10.30am |
| Martin Fitzmaurice, John B Keane Grove /Dick & Mary Pierse, Market St. | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sun.10th  | Noel Woods, London / Paddy & Mona O Connell, Ballygologue Rd & Nora Dwyer, Ballygologue Rd. & Shrone / Deceased Members of the Morris & O Neill Families | 9.00am |
| Michael & Bridget O Carroll, Clieveragh /James & Josephine Allen, Killocrim  | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 3rd March Fr. Denis O Mahony, 087-6807197 (emergencies only).***

**RECENT DEATH:** Please remember in your prayers our recent deaths: **† Bill Flaherty,** died in London, late of O’Connell’s Ave.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Patrick O Connor, Ballyouneen, Lisselton 1st Anniversary / Mary Wixted, Limerick & Listowel / Tony McAuliffe, Charles St. / Con, Elizabeth, Sr. Pious & John Paul O Farrell, Market St. / Martin & Dorothy Jordan, Luceys of Charles St.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** We welcome our children who are joining us in the Parish Meeting Room for at this Saturday’s Vigil Mass.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday next – **March 6th** **is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at three Masses - **10.30am morning Mass & 1.10pm. Lunch time & at 7.00pm evening Mass.**

**CELEBRATING LENT**As we begin Lent on Wednesday next – the Diocese has created two resources to guide people through Lent***: 1.* Journeying through Lent** is a prayer booklet inviting people to pray daily, asking God for a particular gift this Lent e.g. becoming people of compassion, and 2. **Opening our Hearts** offers families a way to gather each week using one of two proposed prayer activities. Pick them up at Mass at back of the church or find them on [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**SR. MARGARET SAYS *‘THANKS’* TO LISTOWEL PARISHIONERS** Sr*. Margaret Gallagher of The Missionaries of the Holy Rosary*. Wishes to convey her sincere thanks to our parishioners for their warm welcome and generous response to her Mission Appeal last weekend. . The total amount collected came to in Listowel €2,970.20. This was really a generous response.

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP** will meet on Thursday 7th March at 7pm. All members are asked to attend.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**: for all our Confirmation candidates of our Parish, their parents, teachers and sponsors taking place on Thursday night next (March 7th) at 8.00 p.m. in the Church. Sr. Aileen Murphy, of St. John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney will be the guest speaker.

**MARCH PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION 2019**: will take place at the Vigil Mass next Saturday night 9th. There will be a meeting of the organising parents group with Fr. Declan in the Presbytery on Tuesday evening at 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

**LEGION OF MARY**meet every Wednesday at 7.45pm. for an hour in the Parish Meeting Room. *New members welcome.*

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE BOXES**: are available at the back of the church. Please collect your envelope which contains all the info on this year’s campaign. All your Lenten offering which help the poorest of the poor in the Third World can be returned to the church during Holy Week.

**DIOCESE OF KERRY LENTEN PROGRAMME 2019** are at the back of the Church. The North Kerry & Listowel Pastoral Area are hosting ***Finding God in time of trouble*** with Olive Foley, (widow of Munster coach Anthony 'Axel' Foley) was one of the guest speakers at the world meeting of Families last year & Fr. Donal O’Connor one of our own diocesan priests who is Chaplain, Inst. Of Technology, Tralee. Monday 25th March at 8pm. Adm free.

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

**PARISH BOXES 2019**: Many thanks to all who picked up their parish boxes last weekend at all Masses and also to all who called into the Parish Office the last two weeks. There are still a few more waiting to be collected. So we ask you to call into the parish office to pick your box up.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**NORTH KERRY ALZHEIMERS GROUP** Wishes to thank the people of Listowel who gave so generously to their Church gate collection last weekend amount raised was €1,800.

**RAINBOWS OFFERS** a 9 week listening, group support programme for children following a bereavement or parental separation. Children will be grouped together depending on their age and loss experience. Rainbows is suitable for children from age 7 years and in 1st class up to 6th class. Rainbows is not counselling or professional therapy. Start date: 20th March 2019 Venue: Listowel Family Resource Centre Time: 5.15pm – 6.15pm Contact: Toni Clarke – 068-23584 Limited Spaces Available.

Further Notices on our Website at

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

**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.

**HEALING WEEKEND**: A Weekend of Praise Worship and Healing in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork on Saturday and Sunday March 9th and 10th 2019. Holy Mass and Confessions on both days. Speakers include Maria Vadia Florida, Fr. John Keane Macroom, Fr. Tony Emeka Nigeria, Canon Michael Fitzgerald Mitchelstown. Mir Music Ministry. Commencing 9.am both days. Admission is free. Enquires to 087 2405568.