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 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

 **8th December 2019**

##  *St. Mary’s Church*

**Parish Priest: Fr. Declan 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)

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 8th – 15th December**

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|  Sat. 7th  | Phyllis Keane, Ballygrennan**, Month Mind** /Noreen Hickey, Ballygologue Pk. **1st Ann**. /David Cronin, Coolagown /Patrick Lyons, Clieveragh /Margaret Lynch, Glin, Limerick /Caroline Enright, Feale Drive /Tim Kennelly, Bedford / Claudia Costello nee Shine, Coolaclarig & Ballygologue Pk. / Jackie Halpin, Worchester, England / Joseph O Hanlon, Woodford /Helen McConnell, O’Connell’s Ave.John O Halloran, The Meadows & Church St. / Willie Doyle, Fourhane /Bridget Toomey, Dirha Cottages | Vigil 6.15pm  |
| Sun8th  | Peggy O Connor, Greenville & Kit McDevitt, Dublin | 9.00am |
| Peggy Carroll, William St., **Months Mind** /David O Brien, Kilmenay, Kilmorna /Johnny Bracken & Dec. Family, Athlone & Cahericiveen / Mary Walsh, Dirha East / Joseph & Hannah Walsh & dec. Family Dirha East / Special Intention | 11.30am |
| Mon 9th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
|  Tues 10th  | Cyril Puttock, Buddy, Mary & Bunny Dalton | 10.30am |
| Wed11th |  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 12th | Special Intention / Kevin Casey, Woodford / Michael Meehan, Lartigue Village | 10.30am |
| Fri. 13th | Luke Slowey, Fermanagh & London /***St. Michael’s College Christmas Mass*** | 10.30am |
| Sat. 14th | Cyril O Gorman, Clieveragh Rd.  | 10.30am |
| John Horgan, Gortnaminch, 1st Ann. /Margaret Moloney, Derry /John Sexton, William St. / Patrick & Mary Hickey, Banemore /Maurice, Annie & Patrick Relihan, Ballylongford /Breda Walsh, Finuge /Maurice & Lena Hannon, the Square  |  Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun15th  | Maureen & John Joy, Ballygologue Rd. & Dec. Mem. of Joy & O’Connell Families  | 9.00am |
| Dec. Mem. Bartishell Family, Convent St. /Tom Keane, Derry /Donal & Brenda Browne, O’Connell’s Ave. /Elizabeth Carroll, The Square / ***Presentation Primary hosting this Mass***  | 11.30am |

 ***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 1st Dec.,***

 ***Fr. Michael Hussey, 087-2386084 (emergencies only).***

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Patrick Lyons, Clieveragh / Catherine Brennan, Skehenerin / Patrick O Connor, O’Connell’s Ave. / Margaret Dillon, Meen / Eddie Leahy, Shrone / Jackie Halpin Drumin & Worcester, England / Michael Meehan, Lartigue Village / Nora & Paddy Carey & Deceased Family, Convent St..

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERAL ARRAGEMENTS**

**John Landers,** Cahirdown. Reposing in Lyons this Sunday 3pm. to 5pm. arriving to the Church for 5.30pm. Requiem Mass Monday at 110.30am. Burial in St. John Paul II Cemetery.

**Margaret Conway nee Dowling,** Woodford. Reposing Monday in Gleasures, 5pm. to 7pm. Arriving to the Church Tuesday Morning before 11.30am. Requiem Mass, burial in St. John Paul II Cemetery.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ST. MARY’S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CONCERT THIS SUNDAY NIGHT:** with the ***KERRY CHORAL UNION*** presenting ***An Evening of Christmas Music & Carols*** **at 7.30pm**. Proceeds are in aid of Church Renovation Fund. Tickets €10, children free, tickets available in the Sacristy at all masses this weekend. Enjoy a great night.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY GROUP**: takes place at our Vigil Mass this Saturday night, (Dec. 7th).

**PREPARING FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020**: also takes place at the Vigil Mass on this Saturday night (Dec. 7th).

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS DURING ADVENT** Adoration in preparation for Christmas, every Sunday throughout Advent from 3 to 6pm.

**FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**: Even though this Sunday is December the 8th the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence, so the Mas will be celebrated on this Monday at 10.30 a.m. without it being a Holy Day of obligation.

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING** Will take place on Monday 9th after 10.30am. Mass in the Parish Room.

**NANO NAGLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MASS** Tues (10th Dec). at 1pm.

**KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS MASS**: will take place at their Centre on Thursday next (Dec. 12th ) at 2.00 p.m.

**ST. MICHAELS COLLEGE CHRISTMAS MASS**: will take place next Friday morning Mass at 10.30 a.m. All are welcome.

**CLOUNMACON COMMUNITY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MASS**: for the people of Clounmacon and surrounding districts who died during the year will be celebrated on Friday 13th Dec. at 7.30pm. at their Centre. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE / CONFESSIONS**: will take place on **Monday (Dec. 16th) at 8 p.m.** 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.***

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2019** will be due at Christmas time. There are special envelopes available in your offering Envelope Box or should you not be using the envelope system, there are loose white envelopes at the back of the Church and at the Parish Office. The Christmas Dues collection which supports your priests will be taken up immediately after Holy Communion throughout the Diocese at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you as always for your support and great generosity.

**LISTOWEL PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are** available at the **Parish Office**. A pack of 6 for €5.00 single Cards €1.00. Also, we have Christmas Mass Bouquet cards and Christmas Mass Bouquets for the bereaved.

**SPECIAL 11.30 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY NEXT DEC. 15TH:** As we prepare for Christmas and the Nativity, the Presentation Primary School children and Staff are hosting the 11.30 am. Mass on next Sunday. They will do the readings, intercessions and sing throughout the Mass.

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

**Christmas Eve – Tuesday, Dec. 24th 5.30 p.m.** ***Children’s Mass*** with the Parish Folk Group & it will be broadcast live on Radio Kerry. **8.00 p.m.** Mass of the Nativity with Parish Choir.

**Christmas Day Mass: Wednesday, Dec. 25th 9.00 a.m.** Christmas Morning Mass. & **11.30 a.m**. with the Parish Choir.

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIREMENT CHRISTMAS LUNCH** at 2.30pm. on Tuesday 10th Dec. in the Listowel Arms Hotel.

**CONCERN CHURCH GATE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND,** Dec. 14th and 15th. Thanks for your generosity.

***Further Notices on our Web Site at:***

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

**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**, FREE PARKING with a 2-hour limit for the town from Saturday December 7th right up to Christmas Eve.

**LISTOWEL TIDY TOWNS GROUP** still have 2 places to fill on their C.E.Scheme.This requires doing 18 hours supervised work per week. Mostly outdoors. (There will be no loss of present benifits) If interested please contact C.E.Supervisor Noelle O'Connell in the Listowel Community Centre A.S.A.P.

**A PENDANT ALARM** can save your life in the event of an accident fall or any other emergency. Alarms are available for landline or mobile. For further information and application form please contact Family Carers Ireland (Ennis Branch) @ 065 6893690.

**LIXNAW 5KM TURKEY TROT** takes place on Sunday 8th Dec. in Lixnaw village. Sign up now for this fun walk, run, jog or trot and support comfort for chemo Kerry and the Irish Red Cross. Sign up via the Lixnaw turkey trot page.

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR** will be held in Teach an tSolais, Tralee on Saturday 14th December from 10.30 to 2 pm. Admission €2 for a door prize.  There will be home baking for Christmas, jams and preserves, and Christmas flower arrangements.  A raffle with a Weekend for two in the Ross Hotel, Killarney, hampers and a very special iced Christmas cake.   There will also be great value in Fire Wood on sale on the day.  Tea, coffee, scones and tasty burgers also available. So, come along and enjoy a great day!

**NANO NAGLE BIRTHPLACE, BALLYGRIFFIN, CO CORK: Sat 14th December: ‘Day of Meditation and Relaxation’** with Eileen Nash pbvm: Give yourself the Gift of a day away from the busyness and stress of your everyday life! 10.30am – 3.30pm (registration 10am); bring a packed lunch; cost €25 incl. tea/coffee.Booking essential: 022 26411; secretary@nanonaglebirthplace.ie