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 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

 **15th 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 15th – 22nd December**

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|  Sat. 14th  | 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 /Eilie & Denis Long, Knocknagoshel /Patrick & Catherine Brennan, Skehenerin /Nora Creane nee Fitzmaurice, Ennismore & England/  | Vigil 6.15pm  |
| Sun15th  | Maureen & John Joy, Ballygologue Rd. & Dec. Mem. of Joy & O’Connell Families  | 9.00am |
| Dec. Mem. Bartishell Family, Convent St. /Tom Keane, Derry /Kathleen, Michael & Anne Browne, Kathy & Jack Quilter, Kerry & Waterford / Donal & Brenda Browne, O’Connell’s Ave. /Elizabeth Carroll, The Square / ***Presentation Primary hosting this Mass***  | 11.30am |
| Mon 16  | Anne & Kevin Croughan, Charles St.  | 10.30am |
| ***Christmas Confessions***  | **8.00pm** |
|  Tues 17th  | Deceased Members of the Carey Family | 10.30am |
| Wed18th | Patrick Joseph Mulligan, Dublin /Elizabeth (Betty) O’Sullivan, Church St. /Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 19th | Jack & Mamie O’Connor & Angela Caslin /Special Intention  | 10.30am |
|  Fri.20th | Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| Sat. 21st  | James Nora Colin Hickey, Convent View | 10.30am |
| Bob Slemon, Feale Drive /Christy Walsh, Upper Dirha West, Bir. Rem. / Sean Curtin, St. Brendan’s Tec.  |  Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun22nd  | John Daly, Bridge Rd. /Danny B. Joy, Gortnaminch | 9.00am |
| Edmund Murphy, Behins /William Gorman, Knockane  | 11.30am |

 ***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 15th Dec.,***

 ***Fr. Declan, 087-0908949 (emergencies only).***

**RECENT DEATHS**

**Mary Daly nee Diggin,** Bridge Road.

**Elaine Foran nee Finucane,** Ballygrennan.

**Mary Gallagher,** died on England, late of Gurtcreen.

**Martin Hickey,** Colbert Street.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Kathleen & Timothy Griffin, Coolagown / Mary Hanlon Senior, O’Connell’s Ave. / Peggy Stack nee Griffin, O’Connell’s Ave. / Margaret O Sullivan, Bedford.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ST. MARY’S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE KERRY CHORAL UNION IS RESCHEDULED TO NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT :** (Dec. 18th ) Because of the red alert warning of storm Atilyah on Sunday night last, it had to be postponed. The performance will now be even more appropriate so much closer to Christmas and will last 1 hour & 30 minutes. You may use your same €10.00 Ticket that you already have or they are available at Parish Office or Sacristy. Children free. Enjoy a great night.

**SPECIAL WELCOME TO PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL** Children and Staff who are hosting our 11.30am. Mass. On this Sunday. It will be special.

**ADVENT ADORATION THIS SUNDAY** in preparation for Christmas, from 3 to 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS MASS AT COLÁISTE NA RIOCHTA**: Monday morning December 16th at 9.15 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE / CONFESSIONS**: will take place this **Monday night (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 MASS AT SCOIL REÁLTA NA MAIDNE:** Thursday morning (Dec. 19th ) 9.30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASS AT WRITER GROVE CENTRE**: Friday afternoon at 5.30 p.m.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP LISTOWEL** invites you to our twist on The Nativity. Friday 20th December at 7pm sharp assisted by the Parish Folk Group. Open to everyone to come and enjoy. " Admission is free (retiring voluntary collection to support youth work in our parish). All welcome please support our youth.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2019** *The Christmas Dues Collection which support your priests will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This is the white envelope in your Box and there are loose ones at back of church or Parish Office. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope in this collection. Many thanks for your generous support.*

**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.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:** 0667134276 Fire Fall-Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Mon. 16th Dec.  7.30pm-8.30pm. Lantern Night Holy Hour with Adoration: Thurs. 19th Dec. 7.30pm-8.30pm. Vision Board Workshop: Juliana Murphy & Anne O'Donnell, Sun. 12th Jan. 2pm-5pm. To be part of this Powerful Workshop Call Anne or Juliana on 087-2915343.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**THE IRISH RED CROSS CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY** takes place on Sunday 22nd of December in the grand hotel in Tralee. Doors open at 2pm, Tickets are €5, booking essential. Call 087 708 8395. Guaranteed to be a brilliant afternoon for all the family.

**MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT** There was great feedback to Michael’s English Christmas Concert in Abbeyfeale Chruch last weekend. Duagh Sports & Leisure Comples are delighted to announce Michael will do his Country & Western Concert on **Friday 27th March 2020**. Tickets €25 are available at Steve’s Shop Duagh,Kay’s Children’s Shop Listowel & Kathleen’s Foodstore Abbeyfeale. Tickets would be an ideal Christmas Gift.

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