##

 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**1st Sunday of Lent**

**1st March 2020**

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**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***.** **Booking of Masses** at least 1 weeks’ notice before date. **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 1st – 8th March**

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|  Sat. 29th  | Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /Patrick & Ellen Lyons, Clieveragh /Teresa O Connor, Greenville /John Behan, Bunagara / Dan O Sullivan, Skehenerin /Con, Elizabeth, Sr. Pius & John Paul O Farrell, Church St. / John Griffin, Fourhane, Birthday Remembrance  | Vigil 6.15pm  |
| Sun.1st  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Ned Carey, Greenville / Maud Carmody, Meen / Michael F. Barrett, Golf View | 11.30am |
| Mon 2nd  | .Dec. Members of the Clifford Family /Mairead Jeffery’s nee Chute, Church St. /Special Intention / Wulf Sobieralski, Ballygologue Pk. & Germany / Tom & Jack O Connor & Mary Kelly & Deceased Family Members, Shrone | 10.30am |
|  Tues 3rd  | Michael O Sullivan, Denis Morrison, Church St. /Louis O’Carroll, Cahirdown | 10.30am |
| Wed 4th  | Den Joe Hannon, Clieveragh /Successful Operation /John Martin Ashe, Church St.  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 5th  | Eileen Hannon, The Square / Angela Henigan McKeon, The Square, Rec. Dec.  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 6th  | Eddie O Grady  | 10.30am |
| **Padre Pio & 1st Friday evening mass**  |  **7.00pm** |
| Sat. 7th  |  | 10.30am |
| Ann Maire O Sullivan, Ballinruddery, **Months Mind** /Elizabeth Flaherty, Derry, **1st Ann.** /Bill Dennehy, O’Connell’s Ave. /Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane & Timothy O’Flaherty, Athea & Newcastle West  |  Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun.8th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| James & Josephine Allen, Killocrim /Tony Hartnett, Killocrim & Anne Hartnett, Feale Dr. & Killocrim  | 11.30am |

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

 ***Fr. Brendan Walsh, 087-7913271****(emergencies only).*

**RECENT DEATHS** Please remember in your prayers:

**† Teresa O Sullivan nee Stack,** England late of Gortcreen.

**ANNIVERSARY** Martin & Dorothy Jordan, Charles St & Kilkenny / Billy Flaherty & Noreen Flaherty nee James, O’Connell’s Ave. / Johanna Walkins, Cahirdown.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE BOXES**: are available at the back of the church. Your Lenten offering which help the poorest of the poor in the Third World can be returned to the church during Holy Week.

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**: Fr. Declan will do his usual calls to the Sick & Housebound on Tuesday next (3rd March). Should anybody new wish a call from the priest just contact the Parish Office in advance.

**FRIDAY NEXT IS FIRST FRIDAY:** Usual Mass at 10.30 a.m. & St. Padre Pio Prayer Night begins with Rosary at 6.45 p.m. & Mass, Benediction is at 7.00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** on Thursday morning next after the 10.30 a.m. and also on Saturday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**EUCHARIST ADORATION** A meeting will take place on Thursday next, 5th March after morning Mass in the meeting room.

**PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION 2020:** will take place at the Vigil Mass on Saturday night next (March 7th). Fr. Declan will meet the parents hosting the Mass on Thursday night next at 6.00 p.m. in the Presbytery.

**TOMORROW’S PARISH? - HAVE YOUR SAY!** The Diocese of Kerry invites you to share your thoughts on the future of parish. Through a series of one-night meetings being held in different venues throughout the diocese, all are invited to share how they imagine the parish of tomorrow can thrive, given the changing society in which we live. As the number of priests in parish ministry decrease, the diocese faces many challenges: how will funerals be celebrated in the future, who will support children presenting for first holy communion, who will offer pastoral care and support to the sick and the housebound over the coming years, will churches close and who will support couples wishing to marry in church? If you would like to have your say, north Kerry meeting will take place in; ***Listowel on March 23rd in the Seanchai Centre, The Square.*** It will begin at 8pm and will conclude by 10pm. Everyone is welcome.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY GROUP**: takes place at our Vigil Mass next Saturday night, (March 7th). All our children are welcome and we thank to all who organise it.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LIAM O’CONNOR SHOW *with Special Guest Brian Kennedy***. At the Church of the Assumption, Moyvane on Tuesday 10th March at 8pm. Tickets €25 each in Listowel Parish Office.

**TEA DANCE** Sunday 1st March in Listowel Arm’s Hotel. 3-6pm. refreshments served at 4.15pm. All welcome.

**COLAISTE NA RIOCHTA** Open Day on Thurs. 5th March from 2pm to 6pm. Enrolments for 2020-2021 will be taken on the afternoon. further information 06821023 or go to [www.colaistenariochta.ie](http://www.colaistenariochta.ie)

**A PRE-CHELTENHAM NIGHT – in aid of Kerry Parents and Friends** will take place in Christy’s The Well Bar on next Tuesday, March 3rd from 9pm. Tickets €10 , available at the door.

**NANO NAGLE SCHOOL 14TH ANNUAL SOCIAL** Friday 6th March @ 7.30pm. in the Listowel Arms Hotel. Music by Heart and Soul Tickets from Nano Nagle School 068-21942. Tickets €35.

**SUICIDE FIRST-AID** A two-day workshop focusing on skills building in the area of suicide first-aid will take place at the Listowel Family Resource Centre on March 11/12 next. The ASSIST programme is designed to provide participants with opportunities to learn what a person at risk may need from others in order to keep safe and get more help. It encourages honest, open and direct talk about suicide as part of preparing people to provide suicide first aid. The programme runs from 9am-5pm daily. To book, log on to [**https://bookwhen.com/suicideprevention-trainingkerry**](https://bookwhen.com/suicideprevention-trainingkerry)

**KERRY COLLEGE---LISTOWEL CAMPUS**--Further Education Open Day Wed. 4th March 1-7pm. Information available on all full-time courses for employment, College progression and Apprenticeships from staff and current students for courses in 2020. Demonstrations and tours throughout the day. See our Facebook page for more information and be in for chance to win a tablet.

**SIVE BY LARTIGUE THEATRE GROUP LISTOWEL** Commencing Thursday 2nd April to Tuesday April 7th at St. John’s Theatre.

**THE CARING WITH CONFIDENCE PROGRAMME** Is designed to guide participants through their role as family carers.

 The programme, which is free commences at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Thursday. March 19 and continues for 7 weeks from 10.30am-1.30pm weekly.  details available from (068 23584).

***Further Notices on our Web Site***

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

**VARIETY CONCERT IN AID OF ST. JOHN OF GODS SERVICES** Will take place on Friday 13th March in the Listowel Arm’s Hotel 7.30pm. to 10pm. Tickets €10 each at the door.

**AFTERNOON TEA EVENT** in aid of **Palliative Care Unit, UHK** on Sunday 29 March at 2pm in Devon Inn Templeglantine Tickets 25 euro available from JK Sports.

**A NIGHT TO REMEMBER** “Magical” By Ben Quinlan

Proceeds from this concert will be donated to help the Homeless Shelters to families in Kerry. Tickets can be purchased at the Friary Office or with Ben on mobile 089 4201823.

Friday the 13th March at 7pm  - Tickets Adults €20.00, Students €15.00 and Children €10.00.

**ENRICHING YOUR MARRIAGE** A Marriage Enrichment Weekend is for married couples of all ages.  The next Weekend takes place at The International Hotel Cork on the 3rd to 5th April 2020 (Fri.730 pm to Sun 4 pm).  For info. and to book please visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie/)  or Phone: 087-216 2436.

**RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY** have  a CLIMB (Childrens Lives Include Moments of Bravery) Programme starting Weds 11th March from 5 pm - 6.30 pm., facilitated by Edel Lawlor (Expressive Play Therapist). This is a 6 week course for children aged between 6-12 years, who are experiencing the impact of a significant person in their lives with a cancer diagnosis. If you are interested in the course,please contact Reception on 066 7192122.

**ANAM CARA KERRY, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 10th March at 7:20pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Killierisk, Tralee, Co. Kerry. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.**

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** NAMES are being taken for the Parents Plus 'Parenting Teenagers' programme to commence at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Thursday. April 23 next. The programme runs for six weeks will cover a broad range of topics including; Getting to know and connecting with your teenager Communicating positively and effectively Building your teenager’s self-esteem and confidence Negotiating rules and boundaries Teaching teenagers responsibility Positive discipline for teenagers Managing conflict Solving problems together The course runs from 10.30am-12.30pm weekly. Further details from (068 23584.)

**RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY CANCER SUPPORT HOUSE** are holding a Nutrition Talk By Fionnuala Hamilton (Dietician) on Weds 4th March from 2.30 pm - 4 pm. Please ring Reception on 066 7192122 if you are interested or require more information.

**APHASIA CAFÉ:** Are you experiencing language difficulties after a stroke?   Would you like to meet others with the same difficulties?  The HSE in partnership with Kerry Stroke Support Group are commencing a Monthly Aphasia Café in Ballygarry House Hotel and Spa starting Wednesday 4th March  from 10.30 to 12 p.m.   A Speech & Language Therapist will attend each meeting. For further info contact 066-7199730.