##

 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**23rd February 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 23rd – 1st March**

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|  Sat. 22nd  | Nell Loughnane, St. Brendan’s Terrance, Months Mind / Jack & Mary Flavin, Church St. /Joan Goggin, Macroom. Cork Rec. Dec. / Dr. Comhairle Ogden nee O Donnchadha, Kinsale, Cork, **Rec. Dec**. **/** Paddy Roche, Ballybunion Rd. & Johnny Holly, O’Connell’s Ave. / William McMahon, Gurtaglana, Kilmorna / Bridget Canty, O’Connell’s Ave Lil Horgan, Charles St. // Kevin Lucey, Charles St. & Knockroe Dr./ Tim, Joan & Patrick Buckley, Knockane/ Mary O Connell, Moyvane /Kathleen Heffernan, Clieveragh  | Vigil 6.15pm  |
| Sun.23rd  | Thomas Hannon, Willowbrook & Phillis Kaye, England, **Rec. Dec**. /Ellen, Nell, Molly, Hannah & Marie Enright, Ballahadigue /Hannah & Joseph Walsh, Church St.  | 9.00am |
| Philomena McCarthy, Ennismore Paul Doyle, Tanavalla  | 11.30am |
| Mon 24th  | Deceased Members of the Clifford Family | 10.30am |
|  Tues 25th  |  | 10.30am |
| AshWed 26th  | Dr. Michael Browne, Glin, **Rec. Dec.**  | 10.30am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | **1.10pm** |
|  | **7.00pm** |
| Thurs 27th  | Ted Keane, Slievecahill | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 28th  | Pat & Kit Guerin, Ballahadigue | 10.30am |
| Sat. 29th  |  | 10.30am |
| Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /Patrick & Ellen Lyons, Clieveragh /Teresa O Connor, Greenville /John Behan, Bunagara / Dan O Sullivan, Skehenerin  |  Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun.1st March  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Ned Carey, Greenville / Maud Carmody, Meen / Michael F. Barrett, Golf View | 11.30am |

 ***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 23rd Feb.,***

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

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

**† Phil Devey,** Willow Place. **† Kitty Roberts**, Convent View.

**ANNIVERSARY** Mary Wixted, Murroe Co. Limerick and Listowel / Jimmy Deveraux, Cahirdown / Ned White, Bedford.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday next – **Feb. 26th** **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. & 1.10pm. & at 7.00pm.**

**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.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**: In preparation for our Confirmation Day on Friday 24th April - our 92 Parish Confirmation candidates, their parents, teachers and sponsors will have their Confirmation Commitment Service taking place on *Thursday night next (Feb. 27th) at 8.00 p.m. in the Church.* The guest speaker is Mr. Des Bailey of the Diocesan Pastoral Team.

**TO SOFTEN THE HEART: FRESH WAYS OF HEARING THE LENTEN GOSPELS** Fr Séamus O’Connell, Professor of Sacred Scripture, Maynooth will explore the Lenten gospels on Saturday, February 29th 10.00 am – 1.00pm in St. Brendan’s Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock Street, Tralee. Suggested offering of €5. Booking and further information from (066)7125932.  Everyone is welcome.

**THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** The diocese of Kerry is seeking candidates who feel they may have a calling to be permanent deacons. The diocese already has six deacons. The hope is to begin a ***“come and see”*** programme next autumn.  Information leaflets on the permanent diaconate are available in the church and in the Parish Office.  Any interested candidates should establish contact Fr. Declan or the diocesan office (admin@dioceseofkerry.ie) as soon as possible. ***Bishop Ray***

**INTERESTING STATISTICS FROM OUR PARISH**

**FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS**

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| **Year** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** |
| **Baptisms** | 70 | 69 | 64 | 69 | 71 |
| **Confirmation** | 81 | 75 | 86 | 67 | 71 |
| **Marriages** | 17 | 16 | 22 | 14 | 19 |
| **Funerals** | 71 | 48 | 57 | 87 | 75  |

**PARISH BOXES 2020**: 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. 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**

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

**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.

**LISTOWEL BRANCH OF KERRY HOSPICE** will have their AGM in St Patrick’s Hall at 8pm on Thurs 27th Feb. New members welcome.

**A COMPOSTING WORKSHOP** by Donal O'Leary & facilitated by the Environmental Section of K.C.C. on Tuesday 25th Feb.  in the Listowel Family Resource Centre at 7pm and Saturday Feb. 29th. The Silver Entente Florale Plaque which was awarded to Listowel in Austria in late 2019, will be unveiled in the Square (beside the Tidy Towns sculpture) at 2pm. Everyone is very welcome to both events.

**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.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** in the Parish Hall, Ballylongford on Ash Wednesday 26th Feb. at 8.30pm. with Al-Anon Speaker all welcome.

**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.

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY IS HOSTING AN OPEN DAY** on Saturday 29th February. There will be a library tour at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm. Each tour will include a presentation on Online Resources so people should feel free to bring along their devices and we can answer any questions.  Also : every Saturday morning at 11.00 am we have Storytime & crafts for Smallies  - For queries 068-23044.

**KERRY COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION** Listowel Campus A Pottery and Sculpture class will be run by Morgan Ó Flaherty, Art Teacher, who is highly experienced in the medium of clay. Starting 25th February, 7 pm to 9pm.for 8 weeks, costs €130. Anyone interested, contact Suzanne 0860289958 or Morgan 0877206675

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

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

**LADIES HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLASSES** will commence at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Tuesday. February 25 at 8pm. Each class will focus on a number of key areas including; healthy lifestyle tips, exercise routines and mindfulness / posture advice. All welcome to attend.

**RAINBOWS PROGRAMME** Names are currently for the Rainbows Programme at Listowel Family Resource Centre.

The programme is designed  to offer  a 9 week listening, group support programme for children following a bereavement or parental separation. Children participating will be grouped together depending on their age and loss experience. The course is suitable for children from age 7 years and in 1st class up to 6th class. Rainbows is not counselling or professional therapy. Parents are invited to visit [www.rainbowsireland.ie](http://www.rainbowsireland.ie)

Start date: 23rd April 2020 Venue: Listowel Family Resource Centre Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Contact: Toni Clarke – 068-23584 for an application form Limited Spaces Available.

**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 the 4th March from 10.30 to 12 p.m.   A Speech & Language Therapist will attend each meeting. For further info contact 066 7199730.