##

 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**8th 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 for a live stream of all Masses. Diocesan news on: **www.dioceseofkerry.ie**

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 8th – 15th March**

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|  Sat. 7th  | 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 / Martin Fitzmaurice, John B Keane Grove / Paddy & Nora Carmody, Skehenerin | Vigil 6.15pm  |
| Sun.8th  | Dick Stokes, Birthday Remembrance | 9.00am |
| James & Josephine Allen, Killocrim /Tony Hartnett, Killocrim & Anne Hartnett, Feale Dr. & Killocrim / Peter & Annie Heaphy, O’Connell’s Ave.  | 11.30am |
| Mon 9th  |  | 10.30am |
|  Tues 10th  |  | 10.30am |
| Wed 11th  | Bill Hannon, Ballygologue Pk., **Months Mind** / Martin Mulvihill, Asdee /John, Mary & Tom Dillon, Knockassig | 10.30am |
| Thurs 12th  |  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 13th  |  | 10.30am |
| Sat. 14th  | Mary & Michael Halpin, Ballygologue Pk. & Ian McCarthy, Derrindaff, Duagh | 10.30am |
| Hannah Patricia Kelly, Woodview, Cahirdown, **1st Anniversary** /Noel Woods, London /Kathleen Whelan, Finuge |  Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun.15th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Josephine Henry, William St., **1st Ann**. / Jennifer Canty, Yorkers, New York late if Killocrim & Ahabeg, Lixnaw, **Rec. Dec**. /Patrick (Paudeen) Moloney, Woodford, Birthday Remembrance /Michael & Bridget O Carroll, Clieveragh  | 11.30am |

 ***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 8th March,***

 ***Fr. Hanafin, 087-8341083*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**† Patrick O’Sullivan,** Derry.

**† Timmy Walsh,** Dirha East.

**ANNIVERSARY** Patrick Lane, Coolnaleen / Catherine & Paddy Moriarty, Coolkeragh / Patrick O Connor, Ballyoneen, Lisselton.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION 2020:** takes place this weekend at the Vigil Mass - Saturday night (March 7th).

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

**KERRY DIOCESAN OFFICE NOTICE** Because COVID-19 is a new disease and appears to spread easily between people, we advise the following regarding the Eucharist are extracted from the HSE guidelines issued to us during the week. **1**. Sign of Peace, should be suspended**. 2**. Holy Communion should be administered **into the hands only** and **NOT** **onto the tongue**. **3**. Celebrant Priest **only** receives from the chalice.

**4**. Church holy water fonts should not be used.

**PARISH FIRST CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK:** Presentation Primary, on Monday 9th March at 6.15pm. Tuesday 10th Gael Scoil at 1.15pm. Killocrim 6.15pm. and Thursday next 12th March, Scoil Realta na Maidne (Boys School) 6.15pm. Best of luck to all.

**PARISH BOXES** there are a few boxes still in the parish office for parishioners to pick up.

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

**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.  Any interested candidates should establish contact via Fr. Declan or the diocesan office (admin@dioceseofkerry.ie) as soon as possible.

**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.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR EMIGRANT SERVICES** will be taken up at all masses throughout the Diocese next weekend 14th & 15th March. It will take place immediately after Holy Communion.

 **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**DRAMA: DAUGHTER OVER THE WATER** PRESENTED BY LISTOWEL DRAMA GROUP– Due to great demand has been extended at St. John’s to an extra performance on this Monday night at 8.00 p.m.

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

**DAFFODIL DAY TAKES PLACE ON MARCH 27th**  The Irish Cancer Society would like to extend a big thank you for your support of Daffodil Day in Listowel. We are incredibly grateful as the money collected goes towards the Patient Care and support, Night nursing service, Home Care Teams , Cancer Research. New Volunteers welcome please Text Noreen 087/1946936 with times that are most suitable .

**LOLLIPOP DAY** Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Oesophageal Cancer Fund last Friday 28th Feb. at Garvey’s Super Value, Listowel. Total amount collected €450.75.

**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 19th and continues for 7 weeks 10.30am-1.30pm weekly.  details available (068 23584).

**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.

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY CENTRE** is holding it AGM on Wed 25th March 2020 at 7pm in Gurtinard House. All welcome

**COUNT DOWN HAS STARTED** as tickets for the Michael English Concert with Shaun O'Dowd in Duagh Sport Complex on Friday 27th March are available now at just €25. This is expected to be a sell out so don’t delay and grab those tickets now . Guaranteed to be a fantastic night in what is proving to be a fabulous venue. This is a fundraiser in the concluding stages of this project. Full bar facilities, tea and coffee available. Lots of spit prizes on the night. Contact 087-2684540 to book tickets.

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

***at:*** ***www.listowelparish.com***

**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.

**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**

**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  or Phone: 087-216 2436.

**RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY** have  a CLIMB (Children’s 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.

**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.)

**AUSOME AUTISM CONFERENCE** is Ireland's ONLY conference where the presenters on Autism are Autistic themselves. It's taking place in Rochestown Park Hotel Sunday March 29th 9am to 5pm. For more info look up autism training on www.konfidentkidz.ie or call 087 2945977