**Masses online only behind closed doors 14th to 21st February**

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| Sat. 13th  | Claire O Donnell, Charles St. & Tom O Donnell, Ennismore, Birthday Rem. / Ned & Sonny Sheehy, Coolagown / Paddy & Mike Roche, O’Connell’s Ave. /Nellie & John Moloney, Charles St. & Baby Sarah Jane Moloney Hamilton, John B Keane Road /Bryan, Kitty & Garry McMahon, Ash Street  | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sun 14th   | Patsy O Sullivan, Cahirdown, **Months Mind** /Teddy Dore, Ballygologue Pk., **1st Anniversary** /Martin Whelan, Finuge / William Harnett, Church St. /Jerry Nolan, O’Connell’s Ave. / Michael Lawlee, Ballygologue Park /Michael (Fonty) Stack, Ballyline, Ballylongford /Jack & Mary Guiney & Dec. Family, Clarr, Moyvane & Deceased Members of the Enright Family Ballyhahill, Glin /Noreen McGrath, Cahirdown /Jerry Sheehan, Ballygrennan /Carmel Mulligan, Dublin, Birthday Remembrance /Michael Downing, White Church, Cork /Phyllis Withem *(nee McElligott),* Duagh Village & Eastbourne, England  | 11.30am |
| Mon 15th  | Frances Mulvihill, Clountubird, Joan O Connor, Caherciveen & Deceased Members of the Mulvihill Family, Derry / Sinead Collins nee Curtin, Feale Drive & Hannah Curtin nee Barry | 10.30am |
|  Tues 16th  | Ian McCarthy,  | 10.30am |
| Wed 17th  | Maura & Michael Chapman, Greenville /Cecilia Rowan, Recently Deceased | 10.30am |
| Thurs 18th  | Elizabeth Barrett, Golf View, Birthday Remembrance | 10.30am  |
| Fri 19th  | ***People of the Parish*** ***Stations of the Cross*** | 10.30am |
| Sat 20th  | Eoin Kenny, Ballinruddery | 10.30am |
| Sarah Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tce. / Mossie Walsh, The Square | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 21st  | Pat Guiney, Coolaclarig, **Months Mind** / Joseph Wolfe, Dublin late of Bridge Rd**. Months Mind** / Tom Hannon, Willowbrook & Phillis Kayne, England /Patrick (Paudeen) Moloney, Woodford  | 11.30am |

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Timmy Canty O Connells Avenue / Peg Keane, Bridge Rd.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** is Wednesday next, February 17th It is a day of ***fast and abstinence*** and the beginning of **LENT**. To celebrate Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season, the people of the diocese are invited to participate in Masses online. Mass here in Listowel will be at 10.30 a.m. and it will be recorded so you can visit it anytime later in the day from our Web page at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com). There will no distribution of ashes at Masses. Lent calls us to ‘come back to God with all our heart’ and the practices of prayer, fasting and giving to charity are a way of making real our return to God. Ashes marking our foreheads remind us of our human frailty and our dependence on God. This year, in the absence of blessed ashes, people are invited to trace the sign of the cross on themselves or on each others foreheads at home. *Marking Ash Wednesday at Home* is a prayer resource available on the diocesan website, [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Marking our season of Lent, a short Stations of the Cross-Prayer Service will take place each Friday morning after the Friday morning 10.30 a.m. mass.

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**. The Parish Office will operate a service, behind closed doors, each day from 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm. The Parish Office can be **contacted only by telephone at 068 21188 or by e-mail at** **listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie****.** Mass cards may be ordered by telephone call to the Parish Office or by e-mail. Any mass cards ordered will be sent out in the post. Mass cards may not be collected from the Parish Office. Weekly offerings can be drop into the Church in the offering boxes at the back of the Church.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Kevin McNamara 089-4044816. (emergencies only).

**STATEMENT ON FUNERALS FROM THE BISHOPS OF THE CASHEL PROVINCE**

We express our closeness in prayer and support for those with the Covid-19 virus and those impacted in any way by it in what are very difficult circumstances. We are mindful especially of those seriously ill in hospital, those who have died, and family and loved ones.

We wish to express our thanks to priests and sacristans as well as the many volunteers in our churches who ensure that all the requirements around the sanitising of our churches are observed. We also acknowledge with gratitude the care and help of undertakers in implementing the restrictions.

We want to highlight some points that we consider important in relation to the implementation of public health guidelines in the context of bereavements and funerals. We do so for the benefit of all concerned – mourners, undertakers, neighbours and friends as well as priests and public authorities that we might have a common understanding of good practice around funerals aimed at keeping people safe from the virus. It is vital we take all precautions to prevent the further spread of Covid-19. In offering this guidance we recognise and appreciate that the vast majority of Catholics carefully observe the public health guidelines.

**1.** Public health guidelines are clear: attendance at funerals is to be restricted to 10. We appreciate there are some who believe that for the sake of accommodating the immediate family it would be better to allow a

number higher than 10 for the funeral liturgy in a church. We too look forward to when that number can be increased. However, it is important that undertakers and priests clarify with bereaved families as early as possible regarding the limit of 10 people in the church.

**2.** As recommended in our statement last March, there should be no removal to the church the evening before.

**3.** People not attending the funeral liturgy should avoid congregating immediately outside the church building or around the hearse. For the sake of the great majority trying to keep to the public health guidelines, we ask people, difficult as it is, not to approach the bereaved in the church grounds or cemetery to sympathize.

**4.** As per the public health guidelines regarding social and family gatherings, there should be no wakes or large gatherings for prayers in the house of the deceased nor gatherings in cemeteries.

**5.** Support for the bereaved can be expressed through social media as an alternative to attending the funeral. Often it is possible to link to a local church for a funeral ceremony via a webcam/Facebook Live. We invite people to pray for the deceased and family of the deceased in their own homes at the time of the funeral Mass.

May our deceased loved ones rest in peace and may the bereaved be comforted.

Trust in Christ’s love and care and his victory over death for us all. Our Lady health of the sick, pray for us.

The bishops of the seven dioceses of the Cashel Province. Bishop Ray Browne, Diocese of Kerry, 26th Jan. 2021

COVID-19 – UPDATE ST. MARY’S CHURCH, LISTOWEL

The current Covid-19 regulations, which remain in place until January 31st, 2021, have the following implications for religious services, funerals and weddings.

* Public worship is not permitted and all masses shall take place online. Mass will be at the usual times.
* St. Mary’s Church is open for private worship each day from 9.30 am to 7.00pm, being closed only when Mass is celebrated.
* **Funerals are restricted to no more than 10 people.**
* Guards of Honour should **not form or congregate on church grounds**.
* **Weddings are restricted to no more than 6 people.**
* Save for cases of emergency, baptisms should be postponed until further notice.
* First Friday or home visits are not permitted save in cases of emergency or where it is necessary to minister to the sick or dying.
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* The newsletter is available online every week at, www.listowelparish.com.

We thank you most sincerely for your generosity and continued support of your Parish and clergy. Parishioners who wish to make their weekly offering or donation can continue to do so by dropping their offering or donation into the designated boxes in the church. The weekly offering or donation can also be made online or by standing order and further details are available on the Parish website, [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) or by contacting the Parish Office. Please continue to look out for one another and may God bless and protect us all at this difficult time. Remember that in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 we must reduce our social contacts and follow the advice issued by the Government and the HSE.