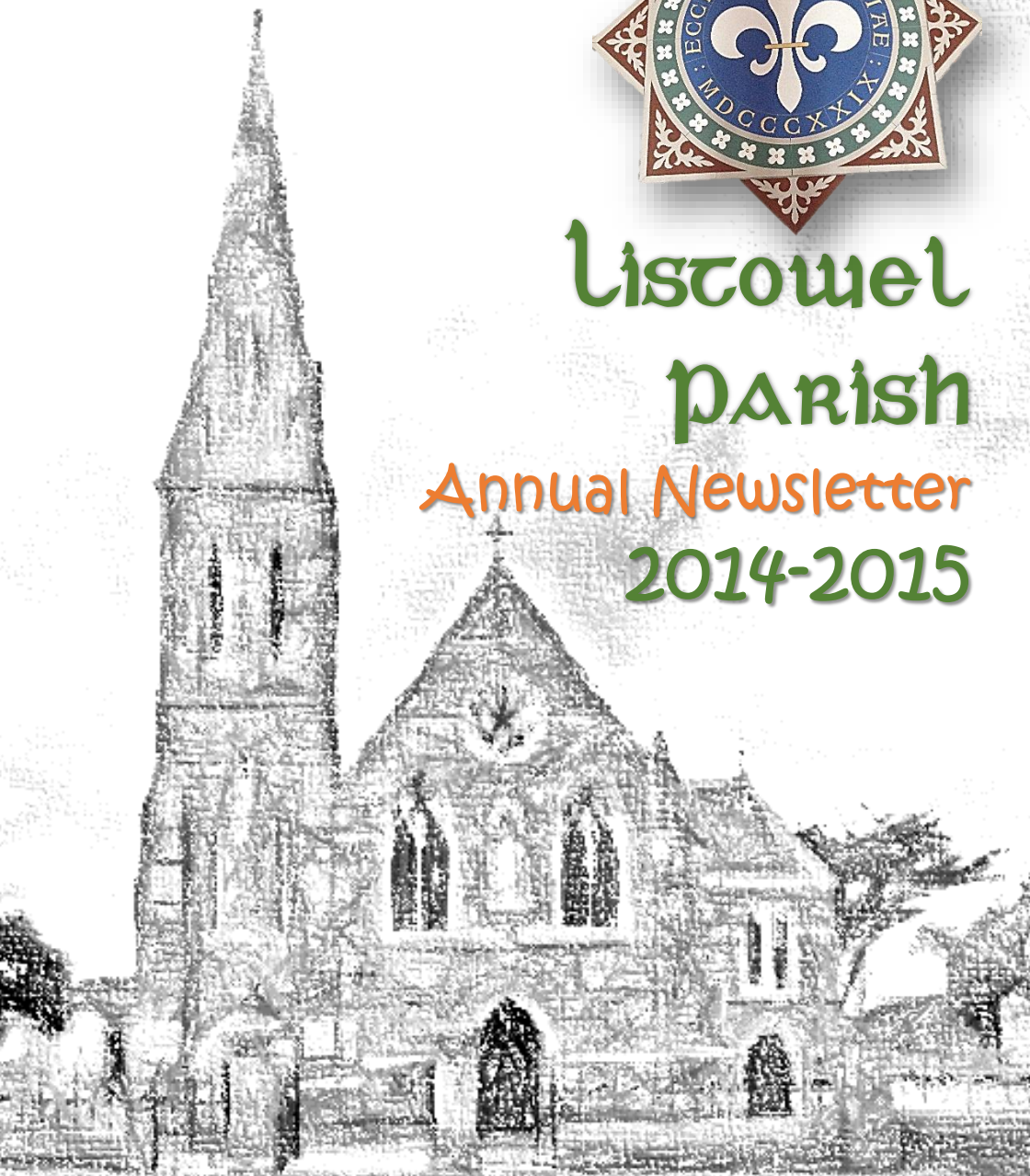




# Listowel PARISH

Annual Newsletter  
2014-2015



# Introduction



Canon Declan O'Connor

Welcome to our Parish Annual Newsletter - recording some events and happenings in our Parish over the past year. It also gives a brief account of the work of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Finance Council and the various groups which work very effectively in this great parish. We all have our own memories of the past twelve months. We are of course affected by national and international events but there seems to be signs of hope after a few difficult years.

In our parish, we have been blessed with a number of celebrations, initiatives and events which lifted our hearts. I was delighted with the completion of the church floor renovation project which took place last summer. Sincere thanks to St. John's Theatre and St. Michael's College for providing alternative accommodation for our church services while we were closed for the months of June and July. Our church is one of the most beautiful and most admired in our Diocese. The initiative to have a children's liturgy group to help our children at their Sunday mass has been very well received. Also more of our parishioners were trained by the Diocese both in pastoral and youth ministry. Over thirty-five people did an adult catechesis course on the new Irish Catholic Catechism over the winter months here in Listowel run by Fr. Sean O. Sheehy.

All of you have been a great support to me in guiding me - as I lead you as the Parish Priest of Listowel in these challenging and interesting times. A Parish is about its people - and Listowel is like most of the parishes in the Diocese of Kerry now - with one priest working in co-operation with the neighbouring parishes within the Pastoral Area. I wish to thank and acknowledge the help that I receive regularly from our retired priests. The Listowel Pastoral Area includes the parishes of Listowel, Lixnaw, Moyvane and Duagh. I welcome you to visit us at the **Parish Office, which is open Monday to Friday - 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.**



Denise Moran  
Parish Secretary

This Newsletter gives some information about aspects of life in our parish and in our diocese. It also contains the financial statement for the year ended December 2014, with a statement of income and expenditure, produced by the Parish Finance Council. Despite the continuing recession you have been very generous to your parish and your priests. This is much appreciated.

Also included is a list of the baptisms, funerals and weddings which took place during the year 2014. When I stop and think about the various activities and the number of people involved, in one way or another in our Parish, be it in the various ministries - or in our schools, hospital / nursing homes, I thank God for the honour and, indeed, privilege of working with you. It is important to acknowledge the rich and vibrant activities in our parish and some of the people responsible for them.

Should there be any way you feel we can make our parish a better place, please feel free to contact me as I will always try to do my best to help. I take this opportunity to thank Denise (*Parish Secretary*), Helen & Catherine (*sacristans*) and the various committees, ministries, all who help in any way and you our parishioners, for the support and generosity that you give to me personally throughout the year? I wish you and yours every blessing. Enjoy the read and join us in giving thanks for all that is happening in our great community of faith, joy and hope. May God bless you.



## Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is a committee of people who work with the priest to oversee the life of the parish. Its role is to look at the needs of the parish and see how the parish can build on its strengths. It also addresses the different needs of different groups of parishioners e.g. the elderly, the sick, families and our youth. The PPC helps to bring the views of parishioners to the meetings. It has a consultative role but also helps in practical ways when needed. It is resourced by the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal Team based in Killarney.

Listed below are some of the events or items that we have been associated with over the past twelve months:

Our long serving sacristan for over 29 years – Billy Moloney retired last June. His family joined us for a lovely party as we thanked him for his dedicated service to our Parish. He has been replaced by our two new sacristans – Helen Moylan and Catherine O'Donnell.

**Pastoral Ministry Course:** Seven parishioners completed the Pastoral Ministry Course conducted by the Diocese in Ardferf and Killarney last June. Two more will graduate having completed the course this June. And we are delighted to announce that this course of 20 weeks - accredited and conducted by our Diocesan Pastoral Team will take place in Listowel beginning next autumn. The idea of the course is to help people deepen their faith and is particularly helpful to those who are already involved in some ministry or who would like to be more involved in our Parish using whatever talents they may have. Further details from the Parish Office.

**Youth Ministry Course:** Three of our parishioners did the youth ministry course conducted by the Diocesan Pastoral Team and accredited by the Diocese in Killarney which began last September. This course is particularly helpful to people who might minister more to our young people and children. A further course will begin this autumn in Ardferf Retreat Centre. Anybody interested might contact the Parish Office.

**Children Liturgy Group:** We thank those who took on the initiative to form a children's liturgy group. The children's liturgy group aim to help Primary school children and it takes place at the celebration of Eucharist at the Vigil and 11.00 a.m. usually on the first Sunday of each month. (*excluding July & August*). We find that more and more our children look forward to this celebration. This is just one way that we are reaching out more to our youth and children.

**Do this in Memory of Me – First Holy Communion Programme:** This was run by the parents of our First Holy Communion children who received their communion in May. The programme complements the great work being done already being done by our teachers in our Primary Schools. It is run by the parents themselves and each child and parent / guardian is invited to be involved. Many thanks and well done to all who helped.

**Confirmation Programme:** We congratulate our 83 confirmation candidates who were confirmed by Bishop Ray on March 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church. Our thanks to Fr. Mossie Brick, Lixnaw who addressed the parents and candidates in February. We also wish to acknowledge the great of our sixth class teachers of our Primary Schools. Well done all.

**Baptism Preparation Teams:** One of our main projects for this year is to train adults who will help young parents as they present their children for baptism. At a time of birth of a child, parents turn in thanks to God, and reflect on the life of their child and how they hope to give them the very best in life. In choosing baptism, parents are handing on the faith to their child and they are drawing on the prayer and faith of the parish community. Meeting a baptism preparation team will provide the parents with an opportunity to reflect themselves on what baptism is, and what it means for them and their child as we welcome them into our Parish community. It is our hope that this will come into effect in the Autumn.

**First Friday 'Cuppa':** Our thanks to the ladies who generously provide a 'cuppa' for those attending the First Friday Mass. It is a lovely opportunity for people to have a 'chat' after mass in our lovely Parish Meeting Room.



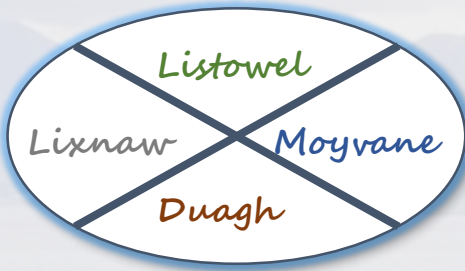
**Web Camera:** We are delighted to announce that we have recently installed a system that makes all our church services available now on the web. With modern technology advancing so fast we can now view a live stream of any of our church services anywhere in the world. All you need is Wi-Fi in your home. It can be viewed on your lap top, computer, iPhone, iPod. If you do not have a computer, you can also view it on your TV once you have a little device that is connected to your TV that picks up the signal from your Wi-Fi. It is available on: [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) or there is a link from our Diocesan Web Page on [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

This is in addition to our radio service which is already in operation and will continue as is. More information and details from Parish Office.

**Defibrillator:** It is our hope to install a Defibrillator in the vicinity of the church over the summer months.



## Listowel Area Pastoral Council



Over the five years, 2009 – 2014, the Diocese has been implementing a Pastoral Plan to adjust to the changing face of Parish life and our changed Diocese of today. That plan is now being reviewed as we look forward to a vision and shape our Diocese for the next five years. All parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to work together in clusters of parishes called a *'Pastoral Area'*. The former Listowel Deanery is now broken up into two clusters. The parishes of Listowel, Lixnaw, Duagh and Moyvane are known as the **Listowel Pastoral Area**. The parishes of Ballydonoghue, Ballybunion, Ballylongford and Tarbert work together and are known as the **North Kerry cluster**.

These parishes work together, e.g. to train ministry groups such as Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Choirs etc. They also support each other for parish programmes such as talks for Lent or Advent. A talk on the environment was organised this past Lent and took place at St. John's Theatre.

The priests also give support to each other when help is needed, especially during times of illness or holiday. We have a roster of cover for duty on weekdays and for weekends. The mutual co-operation is to help strengthen the individual parishes while co-operating with each other too.

Each of the parishes has their own Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) which usually meets about once every six weeks. Two members from each PPC, or one from each church area, meet with the priests who form the **Area Pastoral Council**. They meet once a quarter- each of the four parishes hosts a meeting once a year. Listowel Pastoral Council is continually addressing such issues of concern as: *'Co-operation'*, *'How to engage more of our people in Church life'*, *'How to attract those who don't connect with parish'*, and the *'Questioning of the Church's teaching on a range of issues'*. It is our hope that, as a Pastoral Area, we would build on the positives of our parishes, use all the given talents already there, reach out more to our youth and the alienated, and provide education and faith-training for adults.

A feature on the main entrance denoting the 1866 completion date of the porch



Church of St. Mary, 1829





## Groups involved in our parish

### Saint Pio Prayer Group

The Saint Pio Prayer Group hosts a monthly Mass, which includes the Rosary and Benediction, on the fourth Thursday of each month. (7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.). All are welcome.

### Church Adoration Group

We are blessed to have a lovely Adoration Chapel adjacent to the church. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning immediately after the 10.30 a.m. Mass and continues until church closes.

### Divine Mercy

There is great devotion to the Divine Mercy. The Divine Mercy Prayers are said each weekday morning immediately after the 10.30 a.m. Mass. Once again a service was held in honour of the Divine Mercy on the second Sunday of Easter and it was most successful.

### Lectio Devina Group

This is a group that is scripture based. It meets every Tuesday morning in the Parish Meeting Room after the 10.30 a.m. Mass (*excluding the Summer months*). They discuss and reflect on the scripture readings of the week ahead.

### Vincent de Paul (SVDP)

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul meets regularly, and run the weekly Bingo, the St. Vincent de Paul shop, the 'Meals on Wheels' helping the poor and marginalised in our parish in so many ways. Their Centre at the Plaza is currently being repaired following storm damage in February 2014. Many thanks to all who supported accommodated them in the meantime.

### Medjugorje Monthly Prayer Meeting

The members of this group meet monthly in the Parish Meeting Room, on the second Monday night of each month, at 7.30 p.m.

## Other groups involved in our church

- Altar Servers
- Church Cleaners / Altar Society
- Parish Choir
- Parish Folk Group
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ministers of the Word (*readers*)
- Counters and Collectors.
- 'Do this in Memory of Me Programme' for
- First Holy Communicants and their parents
- Children's Liturgy Group.
- Ministers of Prayer
- Contact people who distribute the parish envelopes.



## Parish Liturgy Group

The Parish Liturgy Group seeks to do two things: plan for the major liturgical celebrations in the life of the parish and ensure that our liturgies are celebrated well. Over the past year, the Group has been involved in planning for Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, the Corpus Christi Procession and the Annual Examination Mass. The Group meets regularly and is resourced by the Diocesan Liturgy Committee.

The group consists of: Canon Declan, Helen Moylan (Sacristan), Catherine O'Donnell (Sacristan) Mary Walsh (Secretary), Julie Gleeson (Treasurer), Sr. Consolata (Organist), Kara Loughnane, Martha Wolfe, Billy Moloney & Donal O'Sullivan.



Parish Liturgy Group

## Fáilte! – Welcome! – Zapraszam! - Bienvenue! – Willkommen

We welcome into our Parish Community the following who were baptised in St. Mary's Church in 2014

Sean Galvin, Cherrytree Drive & Macroom, Cork.  
Aaron Keane, Irremore.  
Darragh O'Callaghan, Cahirdown & Abbeyfeale.  
Scott McDonnell, Hawthorn Drive.  
Oran Horgan Slemmon, Moyvane.  
Saoirse Casey, Knockane.  
Jamie Lee Barry, The Meadows.  
Bradley Enright, Cois Baile.  
Senan Carey, O'Connell's Ave.  
Clara Gray, Ferndene & Bandon, Cork.  
Sean Healy, Ashfield.  
Nicole Keane, O'Connell's Ave.  
Ruben O Connor, Rathea.  
Katie Hassett, Kenny Heights.  
Callum Long, The Writings.  
Michael Buckley, Gurtinard & Zurich.  
Amelia Wixted Nolan, Woodford.  
Hazel Mulvihill, Dromerin.  
Naoise De Róiste, Kenny Heights.  
Sean Lehmann, Gurtinard.  
Sadhbh Doona, Ashfield.  
Sean Lynch, Cluanin.  
Shay O'Connell, Beechgrove.  
Céilí Holly, Ballygologue Park.  
Nicole Halpin Hanrahan, Ballygologue Park.  
Sinead Stack, Curragh Close.  
Kai Fitzgerald, Cluanin.  
Kayden Fitzgerald, Cluanin.  
Annie O'Sullivan, Woodview.  
Karlee O'Connor, Stokers Place.  
Nathan Barry, Track Road.  
Chloe Barrett, Bunagara.  
Culainn Doyle, Cahirdown & Australia.  
Seán Óg Carroll, Dirha West.  
Ruth O'Sullivan, The Meadows.  
Maja Terenyi, Willowbrook.

Kyle O'Connor, Feale Drive.  
Róisín O'Connell, St. Brendan's Tec. & Netherlands.  
Aideen Buckley, Cois Baile.  
Mary Grieve, Aviation Drive.  
Margaret Kennelly, Bedford & Australia.  
Jake Austin, Willow Court.  
Saoirse Carey O Leary, Sli na Coille  
Darren Coughlan Browne, Curragh Close.  
Ciara Gleeson, Skehenrin.  
Rory Clancy, Knockroe Drive & Australia.  
Xander Clarke, Bridge Road.  
Antoni Sosnowski, Sli Na Speire.  
Evan Scannell, Ashfield.  
Eoin Barrett, Ballygrennan.  
Nicole Molyneaux, Woodford.  
Morenike Lyons, Cahirdown & Canada.  
John Hennessy O Mahony, Billerough.  
Ella Corriagn, Knockane.  
Emilia Bartko, Killoccrim.  
Joey Moynihan, Lartigue Village.  
Ava Whyte, Knockroe Drive.  
Alannah Fitzgerald, Billeragh.  
Michael Finnerty, Banemore.  
Isabelle Carey, Cooleen.  
Ada Stack, Kenny Heights.  
Ryan Deady, Cois Baile.  
Alicia O'Leary O'Flynn, Charles Street.  
Mai Magdziak, Killoccrim.  
Ria Mai Treacy, Ferndene.  
Patrick O Halloran, Curragh Close.  
Darragh Sheehy, Upper Bedford.  
Andrew Moloney, Derry.  
Seán Croghan, Cherrytree Drive & Australia.  
Ryan Croghan, Cherrytree Drive & Australia.  
Sinéad Stack, Cahirdown.  
Saoirse O'Connell, Castleinch & England.

## Marriages

*We congratulate those who were married in our Parish in 2014*

Benjamin Lowrey & Brenda Cronin.

Glen Dunphy & Aisling Horgan.

Cathal McDona & Ciara Regan.

Kevin Flavin & Tania O Connor.

Thomas Zbinden & Monette Mathis.

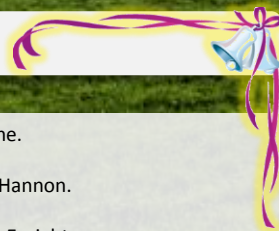
Donal Leahy & Lisa Roache.

Gerard Flaherty & Paula Hannon.

William O Connell & Tina Enright.

Ryan O Carroll & Gemma Rafferty.

Guilherme Walber & Emma Dowd.





# We remember in sadness (RIP)

Our prayers are with all those whose **funeral masses** were celebrated in our parish during the year 2014

## **JANUARY**

Dora Buckley, Tanavalla  
Paudie Horan, Cherrytree Dr.  
Theresa Enright, Coolnaleen

## **FEBRUARY**

John Doyle, Clounmacon  
Bridie Mulvihill, Coilbee  
Bridie Walsh, Convent St  
Cecilia Doyle, Lartigue Village  
Noreen McGrath, Cahirdown  
Patrick Foran, Bedford  
Tom Relihan, Bedford  
Dan Green, Moyvane  
Seamus McDermott, Bedford  
Kevin Lucey, Knockroe Dr.  
John Behan, Bunagara  
Pat Guerin, Ballahadigue

## **MARCH**

Anthony Hartnett, Killocrim  
Anne McElligott, Bridge Rd.  
Noreen O Connor, London & Bunagara  
Martin Corridan, Bedford  
Brian Holland, The Writings  
Margaret McElligott, Bedford  
James G Dore, Charles St.  
Nora Dwyer, Shrone East

## **APRIL**

Michael O Riordan, Willowbrook  
John Keane, O'Connell's Ave.

## **MAY**

Joe Scanlon, Bridge Rd  
Nora Fitzmaurice, Knockane  
Eileen McCarthy, Bunagara  
John Maher, London & Ballygologue Rd

## **JUNE**

Eileen Healy, Clountubird  
Annie Fitzell, Ballyduhig  
Kathleen O Dwyer, Shrone Middle  
Rodger Worster, Clieveragh Downs

Elizabeth Keane, Gortinard  
Eamonn O Connor, Bedford

## **JULY**

Teresa Healy, Convent Cross  
Bettie Moloney, The Square  
Thomas Fitzgerald, Church Street  
Michael Ryan, Ballygologue Road  
Maurice Stack, Cahirdown

## **AUGUST**

Eileen Kelleher, Coolnaleen  
Michael Neill, Liosarda  
Sonja Broderick, William Street  
Danny Enright, O'Connell's Ave.  
Nora Mary Hickey, Convent View

## **SEPTEMBER**

Barty O'Driscoll, Tanavalla.  
Sheila Stokes, Cahirdown  
Dan Joy, Killocrim  
Bridie Senior, Birmingham & Woodford  
Frank Galvin, Dirha West  
Ellen James, London & O'Connell's Ave.  
Michael Scanlon, London & Dirha Cottages

## **OCTOBER**

Sandra Jones, Rathea  
54. Edward O Connell, Grogreen  
55. Patrick Harnett, Killocrim

## **NOVEMBER**

56. Mai Stack, Feale Drive  
57. Kathleen McCarthy, Tanavalla  
58. Margaret Halpin, Clounmacon  
59. Noreen McElligott, Bunagara  
60. Pat Scully, O'Connell's Ave.

## **DECEMBER**

61. Mary Rita Fitzmaurice, Finuge  
62. Margaret Moloney, Derry  
63. John (Jack) O'Gorman, Clieveragh  
64. John Mulvihill, Coolaclarig  
65. John (Charlie) O'Sullivan, Killocrim

## **Parish Statistics for year 2014**

Baptisms: 72    First Holy Communion: 61    Confirmations: 64    Marriages: 10    Funerals: 64

# Parish Financial Council

The Parish Finance Council is made up of a committee of people from the parish that help the Parish Priest in the administration of the goods of the parish and oversee its finances. The members meet regularly and are governed by universal law and the Kerry Diocesan Administration Finance Regulations of 'Best Practice Guidelines'.

The members are: Canon Declan O'Connor P.P, Jim White (Chairman), Maura Joy (Secretary), Kieran Moloney, Shane O'Donoghue and Margaret Broderick.



## St. Mary's Parish Listowel Income and Expenditure Account

<b>St. Mary's Parish Listowel</b>	<b>Income and Expenditure Account</b>			
<b>For the year ended</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Offertory Collectio	150698	140659	149579	144730
Shrines,Cribs	20000	18178	21851	9677
Donations	7480	1885	6640	1544
Bank Interest earned	0	245	1004	912
Sundry	3793	3619	3139	3212
Tax rebate	17696	15999	7020	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>199667</b>	<b>180585</b>	<b>189233</b>	<b>160075</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Wages,Paye,Prsi, Sacristan and Secretary	37894	33077	37609	31489
Rent and service charges	363	768	921	768
Insurance	7618	7618	8709	7727
Light and heat	12834	15156	13736	13498
Repairs and maintenance	21009	32703	66520	96811
Telephone	2872	2138	2838	3015
Printing, postage, stationery	10454	7611	9246	7329
Altar requisites	8611	8667	9749	10688
Courses/ Meetings	4654	3950	3864	3033
Professional fees	431	511	431	1773
Diocesan Administration levy	21099	22437	21710	18915
Sick & Retired Priests Fund	2000	2200	2200	2100
Bank charges	1292	1253	1392	1140
Missalettes	6358	4424	6381	5208
education/pastoral/misc	900	6710	100	1399
New equipment	0	27767	7611	21800
Church repairs	230793			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>369182</b>	<b>176990</b>	<b>193017</b>	<b>226693</b>



## Offertory Collection

The weekly Offertory Collection is taken up during Mass. It is the cash you put on the Offertory Plate and the regular, weekly, white envelopes. It is used for the day-to-day expenses and the capital expenditure of the parish which includes: the Diocesan Levies / Staff Wages / Insurance & Security / Light & Heat / Routine and Capital Expenditure / Telephone / Printing / Postage / Stationary / Altar Requisites / Missalettes. The total amount raised in 2014 was **€150,698.00**.

The priest's income is separate and is not paid from this collection and it is dealt with under its own heading.

## Parish Envelope System:

The Parish Envelope System was introduced in March 2011. The 'envelope system' is the norm in all the parishes of the Diocese nowadays. The box includes all the envelopes used for the different offerings at various times of the year. The weekly and special envelopes can be placed on the Offertory Plate or in the Offertory Basket, or dropped into the Parish Office. Some parishioners chose to pay once a year by cheque or pay by direct debit. There are many benefits to using the 'parish envelope system' as we record in a confidential manner (*known only to the Parish Secretary*) the offering that you give to your parish and priest throughout the year. Should your total offerings in a calendar year for everything be in excess of **€250.00**, and you are a tax payer the parish can claim a tax rebate currently 31%. A total of **€17,696.00** was raised in 2014. Sincere thanks to you all who returned your forms. The envelope box also includes the 'Priest's Offering', which supports your priest or assisting clergy throughout the year. These envelopes have replaced what was traditionally known as the 'Station Dues' for Spring and Autumn & Christmas & November offerings.

## Priests Income

The priest's income (salary) comes from two sources, firstly, the Special Collections held in the Spring and Autumn, and the November and Christmas Offerings and, secondly, the offerings given for Baptisms, Funerals & Weddings. The priest is considered as self-employed by the Revenue Commissioners and he pays his own income tax directly each year. The salary was **€36,791.00** and **€8,500.00** was given to the Diocesan Fraternity Fund which supports the priests of poorer parishes within the Diocese. Also over **€3,000.00** was given to the Diocesan Multiple Stipend Fund from Mass Offerings, which goes to the Bishop's charity. The Parish pays half of the priest's VHI and half of the Presbytery heating oil. Your generosity and support of your priest(s) is very much appreciated.

## Some notes on our Financial Statements:

Over the past 12 months we continued various repairs and maintenance works to our parish buildings. Last Summer, we took on the renovation of the church floor. This was the biggest single project that as a Parish we have undertaken in the past 20 years. The contractor was **CISCO Woodframe Homes**, Lixnaw and the architect was Richard McElligott. It was a much bigger job than we had anticipated. Much of the old floor had no foundation, was uneven and all the underground piping of the heating had to be replaced. While we were at it we touched up much of the painting and redesigned the sanctuary to facilitate a ramp. We also refurbished the Adoration Room. The total cost was just in excess of **€200,000**. Recently we have installed a camera system to live stream our church services. It is available live stream on [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) all over the world on the internet. Currently we are installing a defibrillator for health and safety reasons. Also, there are still a few 'drop downs' from the roof and part of the church yard drainage system has to be repaired. Some of the stained glass windows are buckled and leaking so they also need to be addressed. All of these above are being done in so far as we can afford them. We are conscious of the recessionary times in which we live but we are also conscious that it pays to keep maintaining everything regularly.

The Diocesan Levies go towards the administration costs of the Diocese and are used solely for this purpose. The Parish Finance Council expresses sincere thanks to you for your financial support. Your generosity is much appreciated and makes it possible to run the parish and undertake these structural activities when necessary.



Youth Pastoral Ministers: Collette Stack, Margaret O'Sullivan, Kay Murphy with Canon Declan



## Corpus Christi Procession

### Corpus Christi Procession

Our annual Corpus Christi Procession in 2014, took place on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. It began in St. Michael's College after the 11.00 a.m. Mass (as the church had been closed) and ended in Ballylogogue Park. We were blessed with a lovely day and got a great welcome from the residents of Ballylogogue Park. This year, it takes place on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (Feast of Corpus Christi) after the 11.00 a.m. Mass. It will begin in the Square – proceed up to the top of William Street – over O'Connell's Ave and will end in the green in Feale Drive with Benediction. The Parish Liturgy Group wishes to thank everyone for their help, support and co-operation with the Procession.



## Introducing Our New Sacristans

We welcome our new sacristans – Helen Moylan, Cherry Tree Drive and Catherine O'Donnell of Ennismore. Both have adopted themselves very well to their new role. The job of a sacristan is a key to the efficient running of the church and the various liturgies. Helen who has been living in Listowel for almost 40 years hails from Milford, North Cork – is married to Eddie and they have four daughters. Catherine's roots are in Fourhane and Rathea - has lived much of her life in London and we are delighted that she chose to come back to Listowel.



## Diocese of Kerry Website

We bring your attention to our Kerry Diocesan Website at [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie).

It contains all the up-to-date news and happenings in the Diocese including our Parish Newsletter each weekend. Just click on the icon for Listowel and then open the 'Parish News'.

We also bring your attention to Horizons which is produced by the Diocese and is broadcast on Radio Kerry each Sunday morning, from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., or you can listen to it from the Diocese of Kerry website.





## Child Protection – Safe Guarding Children Parish Policy Statement

Our Parish has adopted the Kerry Diocesan Child Protection Policy. We, the Parish of Listowel, value and encourage the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies, and in activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, and social development. We recognise and the dignity and rights of all children and young people and we are committed to their protection and support. In keeping with this, we undertake to do all in our power to create safe environments for children and young people in order to secure protection and enable their full participation in the life of the church. This year, once again we presented a report on our policy to the Diocese.

Contact Information: For further information about Parish Policies, contact the Parish Office or our parish representatives at: 087 7614289 or 087 6562353 or 087 1642868

## Holy Days of Obligation

There are six Holy days of Obligation during the year.

January 6<sup>th</sup> - Feast of Epiphany

March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day

August 15<sup>th</sup> - Feast of Assumption of Our Lady

November 1<sup>st</sup> - Feast of All Saints

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day

## PARISH OFFICE

(located adjacent to the Presbytery)

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday - 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.  
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