##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**29th November 2015**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**Parish Priest: Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hours emergency no. 0870908949.**Email:** listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie. *Notices for Parish Newsletter have to be in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am and Sundays and Holy Days at 11.00am. **Baptisms** are at pre-arranged times and must be booked through the Parish Office. **Confessions:** every Saturday after 10.30am Mass. Check out our Parish Web Page at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) and all Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)and a live stream of all liturgies on **www.mcnmedia.tv**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 28th – 6th December.**

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| Saturday 28th  | Dan Browne, Ballygologue Pk. **Months Mind** / Patrick Hayes, Gortnaminch /Jimmy Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Maurice, Annie & Patrick Relihan, Ballylongford / Andy Sayers, Cahirdown /Thomas Chute, Church St. & Cahirdown /Ellen Halpin, Breda Hinkins nee Halpin, John Joe Halpin, Johnny & Bridget O’Sullivan, Dirha Cottages & Ennismore / Tony Brennan, Listowel & Newcastlewest /Eugene & Mai O Brien, Cahirdown /Deb Guiney, Gortcreen | **7pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 29th  | Jim & Kit Harris, Greenville | 9.00am |
| Denis & Mary McCarthy, Tarbert /Betty Gillespie, Dirha East & Lixnaw /Aine Andrews, O’Connell’s Ave.  | 11.00am |
| Mon 30th   | Patrick Regan, Ballyheigue  | 10.30am |
| Tues 1st  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed 2nd  | Pat Fitzgerald, Abbeyfeale & Cork | 10.30am |
| Thurs 3rd  | People of the Parish | 10.30am |
| Fri 4th  | Kitty Healy & Deceased Family, Convent St. | 10.30am |
| Don Middleton, Tralee, **1st Anniversary /**Dennis M. Crean, Months Mind, Atlanta, Georgia / James, Kathleen & William Scragg, Ballyhorgan & Summerset, England  | **7.00pm**  |
| Saturday  5th  | Claudia Costello nee Shine, Coolaclarig & Ballygologue Pk. / Paddy Walsh, Inch &Matty Walsh, Garryard House /Margaret Nolan, O’Connell’s Ave.  | 10.30am |
| Margaret Lynch, Glin, Limerick / Bunny Dalton, Charles St. / Helen McConnell & Deceased Family, O’Connell’s Ave. / Patsy Lyons, Clieveragh / William Doyle, Fourhane / Michael McAuliffe, Church St. /Maurice & Lena Hannon, The Square /John O’Halloran, The Meadows & Church St. / Michael Meehan, Lartigue Village /Con & Bridget Hickey, O’Connell’s Ave .& Deceased members of the Hickey & Coppingers Families / Bridget Toomey, Dirha Cottages | **Vigil 7pm** |
|  Sunday 6th  | Teresa & Tim Greaney, Finuge &Jack & Jane Kelly, Finuge | 9.00am |
| **People of the Parish**  | 11.00am |

 ***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, Nov. 29th  Fr. Declan O Connor 0870908949 (emergencies only)***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Our sincere thanks for the Offertory Collection last weekend.

**SR. NUALA OF THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY:**

says thanks for the fabulous generosity and welcome she received from all of you last weekend. A total of €**4,570.00** was collected.

**RECENT DEATHS;** Noreen Broderick, Bunagara.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Tony Brennan, Listowel & Newcastlewest / Jim & Kitt Harris, Greenville / Tom Dowd, O’Dowd’s Rd. / Mary Healy, Greenville / Joan Keating, Dirha Cottages / Eugene & Mai O’Brien & Jack, Cahirdown / Bridget Brosnans, Behins / Toddy O Connor, Church St. / Kit Rowe, Coolkeragh.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Enrolment of confirmation candidates for 2016:** Will take place at the Vigil Mass at 7pm. on this **Saturday night 28th November**.

**LISTOWEL PARISH WEB PAGE LAUNCH**: is taking place this weekend at the Vigil Mass on Saturday night. Please view it at [**www.listowelparish.com**](http://www.listowelparish.com)

**PARISH BAPTISM TEAM** will meet on this Monday Nov. 30th at 8pm. in the Parish Meeting Room.

**WRITERS GROVE CHRISTMAS MASS**: will take place in their Centre on this Tuesday (Dec. 1st ) at 4.00 p.m.

**KILLOCRIM GROTTO MASS** will take place on Wednesday 2nd December at 8pm. at Killocrim School.

**SERVICE OF LIGHT:** for the First Holy Communion Boys will take place at Scoil Realta na Maidne on Thursday next ( Dec. 3rd ) at 8.00 p.m.

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK & THE HOUSEBOUND**: Canon Declan will be doing his usual calls to the Sick & Housebound on this Wednesday & Thursday. The Parish Office will make contact as to the time of his arrival. Anybody new, who wishes a visit from the priest, contact the Parish Office, 068-21188.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will be held next weekend at the Saturday Vigil 7pm. 5th & Sunday 6th December at 11am Mass. All children are welcome

**FIRST FRIDAY**: Friday next (4th December). Usual masses at 10.30 a.m. which will be followed by a ***‘Cuppa’*** in the meeting room & Evening Mass at 7.00 p.m. Usual Confessions on Thursday & Saturday morning after mass.

**YEAR OF MERCY:** Pope Francis has announced the Year of Mercy, with the purpose of proclaiming God’s mercy to all people, and for the church to "make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy." The year begins with the opening of the Holy Door of Mercy in the Basilica of St. Peter, December 8, 2015 by Pope Francis. Every diocese will celebrate the opening of the Holy Door in unity with the Universal Church by opening a Holy Door of Mercy in their own cathedrals on Sunday December 13 2015. In our diocese, the Holy Door of Mercy will be opened at a special Mass in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Killarney @ 5pm on Dec 13th 2015. For more info: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** Available at the Parish Office. Individual Cards are €1.00 each and pack of 6 for €5.00. Also we have Christmas Mass Bouquet cards.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH COLLECTION:** will be taken up on the weekend of December 5th-6th. The KDYS has been working with young people in the Diocese of Kerry since 1971. It provides an invaluable service to thousands of young people through its network of youth clubs, projects and centres.  Proceeds from the collection will fund the on-going development of youth clubs across the Diocese.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

A Celebration in anticipation of Christmas with Carols, and Readings, will take place here at St. Mary’s Church, on **Sunday next ( 6TH DEC.) at 7P.M**. Performed by LISTOWEL PARISH CHOIR All are most welcome.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**IRISH BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** Mon. 30th & Tues. 1st Dec.  **5pm. to 8pm**. each evening please note time change.

**LISTOWEL BAZAAR** On Friday next 4th & Saturday 5th December at the Boy’s School Hall at 8pm. Collectors - you may hand in your donations into the Boy’s School Hall from 2pm. to 4pm. (No Clothes Please) on Wednesday 2nd .

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** We wish to thank those who committed to 1 hour Adoration for their support. If unable to attend please call your co-ordinator. More adorers would be most welcome – just 1 hour a week. Thank you.

**IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOC. SHOP** Willam St., Bumper Christmas Sale: toys, Novelties, Gift ideas etc. Thursday December 3rd starts 10.30am.

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY ALERT** is introducing a crime prevention & community texting system for our area shortly. If you wish to be part of the texting system please contact any member of Listowel Community Alert. The more people that are involved in the texting system the more effective it will be. Thank you.

**ST. MICHAEL’S COLLEGE PARENTS COUNCIL** are hosting a Pub Quiz in aid of St. Michael’s College Football Teams Friday 4th December at 9pm. in Christy’s, The Square.

**KNOCK SHRINE NIGHT VIGIL** December 7th Vigil Fare €25 per seat as per last year Coach will leave Listowel @ 4.30pm Phone (068) 31232 or (087) 3966399.

**DOWNSYNDROME KERRY** are holding a public meeting in the Family Resource Centre, John B Keane Rd, on the 3rd December from 8.30pm to 9.30pm. We want to say aheartfelt ‘thank you’ for all your support and to inform you of the services that we provide Tel: 085-7737008.

**LISTOWEL FRC** is set on Radio Kerry's 'Kerrywide' programme in early December. The pre-recorded programme will feature a number of interviews with staff members and service users alike. The programme will showcase the many and varied activities which take place at the centre on a daily basis. The 'Kerrywide programme featuring Listowel Family Resource Centre can be heard on Sunday. December 6 at 9pm.