##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**6th December 2015**

**2nd 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**

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 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 5th – 13th December.**

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| Saturday 5th  | 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 /Marie Kelliher, Lartigue Village  | **7pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 6th  | Teresa & Tim Greaney, Finuge &Jack & Jane Kelly, Finuge | 9.00am |
| Tim Kennelly, Bedford /Mai Monroe, Ballinrobe, & New York  | 11.00am |
| Mon 7th Vigil ofImmaculate Conception   | Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| Dan Hayes & Deceased Family members, Bridge Road / Pat & Ellen O’Connell, Pat Kennelly Lisselton & Anthony Nolan Bedford  | **Vigil****7.00 p.m.** |
| Tues 8th **Feast Day**  | **People of the Parish** | **11.00am** |
| Mary (Moll) Walsh, Dirha | **1.10pm**  |
| Wed 9th  | Ollie Leahy, Gortaglanna  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 10th  |  | 10.30am |
| Fri 11th  |  | 10.30am |
| Saturday  12th  | Mark Browne, Killocrim & Camden, London, **Recently Deceased**  | 10.30am |
| Frank (Prionsias ) Kelly, Derry, **Months Mind** / Margaret Moloney, Derry, **1st Anniversary** / Eleanor Culbert nee Moore, Charles St. / Helen McConnell nee Rowan, O’Connell’s Ave. / Danny Barrett, Birthday Remembrance, Ballygologue Pk. & Clieveragh / Kevin Casey, Woodford /David Cronin, Coolagown | **Vigil 7pm** |
|  Sunday 13th  | James Lyons, Glenoe, **1st Anniversary** /Danny B. Joy, Gortnaminch | 9.00am |
| Hannah & Joseph Walsh & Deceased Family Members, Dirha East / Tom Keane, Derry /David O Brien, Kilmeany, Kilmorna /Peggy Scanlon, Pollough  | 11.00am |

 ***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, Dec. 6th  Fr. Brick 0879473317 (emergencies only)***

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

**RECENT DEATHS;** Philomena Walsh**,** Feale Drive.

 Nora Collins nee Barry, late of Tanavalla & London. Funeral to take place in Cricklewood. /Mark Browne, Killocrim & Camden, London. Memorial Mass Saturday 12th Dec. at 10.30am.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Mary Lynch, Lisselton / Michael Kennelly, Market St. / Patrick O Connor, O’Connell’s Ave. / Margaret Dillon, Meen / Mary & Eddie Leahy, Shrone / Patrick Carmody, Skehenerin / David Finbarr Bunyan, Convent St. & Killimer, Clare / Derry Tatten, O’Connell’s Ave. / Jack Danher, Cahirdown / Peggy Stack nee Griffin, O’Connell’s Ave.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH COLLECTION:** is being taken up at all masses this weekend.. 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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** is taking place at this weekend both at the Vigil Mass and the 11.00 a.m. masses. All children are welcome.

**SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** in preparation for Christmasis taking place each ***Sunday of Advent in the Adoration Chapel from 3pm to 6pm.*** You are invitedto drop in and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V.M.**: **on Tuesday next , December 8th** It is a Holy Day of obligation. Vigil Mass on Monday evening and Masses on Tuesday at 11.00 a.m. & 1.10 p.m. No 9.00 a.m. Mass. Also on this Tuesday the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Our Lady’s Altar as we celebrate the Feast of from after the 1. 10 p.m. Mass until 6.00 p.m.

**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, on Tuesday next (Dec. 8th ) 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 of Kerry, the Holy Door of Mercy will be opened at a special Mass in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Killarney @ 5pm on Sunday next (Dec 13th ). For more info: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**CHRISTMAS MASSES THIS WEEK**: Scoil Realta na Maidne on Thursday next (Dec. 10th ) at 9.30 a.m. Also St. Michael’s College at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday.

**CLOUNMACON COMMUNITY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MASS**: at their Community Centre on Friday night next (Dec. 11th ) at 7.30 p.m*. All are welcome!*

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME:** The December gathering of our First Holy Communion children and their parents for the ‘***Do this in Memory of Me***’ Programme will take place at the Vigil Mass on ***Saturday night*** next (Dec. 12th ) The organising parents of next weekend are asked to meet Fr. Declan at the Presbytery on Thursday evening next at 6.00 p.m. in the Presbytery.

**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.

***CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES***

A Celebration in anticipation of Christmas with Carols, and Readings, will take place here at St. Mary’s Church, on this **Sunday evening ( Dec. 6th ) at 7.00 P.M**. It will take less than an hour. Likewise, on Sunday week (Dec. 13th) Listowel Presentation Secondary School will be holding their Carol Service also here at the Church at 7.00 p.m. All are most welcome to both Services.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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.

**THE LATIN MASS** (1962 Missal) will be offered in Holy Cross Dominican Church, Tralee at 1.30pm on Sun 13 Dec. **CHRISTMAS PANTO** tickets available from Listowel Family Resource Centre and all other charities involved. Proceeds from the show on Tuesday. December 28 show will go directly to Listowel Family Resource Centre. Each show commences at 8pm. Tickets from 10.00 euro (adults), 7,00 euro (children) and 25,00 euro family tickets are also available.

**FESTIVE JUMBLE SALE** OLD or unused items are being sought for a festive jumble sale to be held at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Tuesday. December 8 from 10am-1pm. All items must be in good condition. Why not come along and pick up a festive bargain in the process. Further details from Denis (068) 23584

**ANAM CARA** is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 8th of December 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven 5 Haigs Terrace, Killerisk, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

**TARBERT COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL** wishes to thank everyone who contributed so generously to their recent concern collection. Amount raised €1,129.33.