##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**27th December 2015**

**Holy Family**

**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 26th – 3rd JANUARY**

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| Saturday 26th  | Philomena Walsh, **Months Mind**, Feale Drive /Bill O Sullivan & Deceased Members of the O’Sullivan & Browne Families, Coilbee & St. Brendan’s Tec. / Edel O Halloran, Church St. /Baby Mark Grace, Kenny Heights, Birthday Remembrance & Anniversary Remembrance /Bridie Sayers, Greenville /Tadgh Laide, Ballygologue Pk. /John O Mahony, Ballygrennan /Molly Nolan, Aviation Drive  | **7pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 27th  | George Sweeney, Convent Street /John O Connor, Craughatoosane /Joe O Carroll, St. Brendan’s Tec.  | 9.00am |
| **Funeral – Sean Curtin, St. Brendan’s Terrace**  | 11.00am |
| Mon 28th | Michael O Connor, Duagh  | 10.30am |
| Tues 29th | John (Charlie) O’Sullivan, Killocrim /Con, Nancy & John Keane, Church Street  | 10.30am |
| Wed 30th  | Noreen Broderick, Bunagara, **Month Mind**  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 31st  | Pat & Kitt Dowling, Bridge Rd. /Jacqueline Jennings, O’Connell’s Ave. /Carmel Walsh, Ballygologue Park | 10.30am |
| Fri 1st  | Noel O Sullivan, Gortnaminch, **Recently Dec.** /Peggy O Dell Moloney, Charles St. /Brendan Guiney, Charles St | 10.30am |
|  Saturday  2nd  | Michael O Neill, Ballygologue Road /Anne Marie O’Sullivan, Lartigue Village & Charles St., Birthday Remembrance | 10.30am |
| Tim Flaherty, Derry /Richard & Margaret Roche, O’Connell’s Ave. /Paudie Horan, Cherry tree Drive | **Vigil 7pm** |
|  Sunday3rd  | **People of the Parish** | 9.00am |
| Christy O’Connor, Coolnalaught, James Culhane & Pat Galvin, Moyvane  | 11.00am |

 ***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, Dec. 27th  Fr. Kennelly 0872931064 (emergencies only)***

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

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT Sean Curtin,** St. Brendan’s Terrace, arriving into the Church this Sunday for 11am requiem Mass burial afterwards in St. Michael’s Cemetery.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Bridie Sayers, Greenville, Delia Barry, Greenville, Eileen Griffin, John Griffin, Joan Sharry, Jimmy Griffin, Patsy Breen, William Bartishell, Market St, Chris Walsh, Market St, Richie Kissane, Killomeroe, Lisselton / Con, Nancy & John Keane, Church Street.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ARD CHÚRAM DAY CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE** is now operating its 3 day week service (Wed-Fri) from its new purpose built Centre situated on the grounds of Listowel Hospital in Greenville. Ard Chúram is now in a position, due to increased capacity, to expand and enhance its services. Anybody aged 65 or over wishing to attend may contact the Nurse Co-ordinator, Margaret Payne at (068)22986, (087)1953631 or any public health nurse. The Committee of Ard Chúram is very grateful to the people of Listowel and North Kerry for their continuing support.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** The next children's liturgy will be held next weekend (Sat. Jan 2nd Vigil Mass & Sunday, Jan 3rd 11am. Mass). The children's liturgy takes place at the Parish Meeting Room during the Liturgy of the Word. This is where the scripture readings of the mass are explained at the children’s level. All children and their parents are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS offering/DUES envelopes** **2015.** Thank you very sincerely for your generosity with the Christmas Offerings / Dues over the Christmas masses. The envelopes are available in your offering Envelope Box or there are still loose white envelopes at the back of the Church. If you have not already done so you may drop them in the Offertory Basket or into the Parish Office at any time that is convenient to you. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE** 7 nights Fatima or Fatima 4 nights / 3 nights Lisbon coast 11th – 18th May, 2016. Flight from Cork airport. Enquires to Premier Travel 0214277700 or Maureen Harty 066-7131328.

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** led by Bishop Ray Browne 30th October 2016, 8 nights. Direct Flight from Shannon, coach transfers from Kerry. Cost €1,575 sharing. Enquiries: Janice O’Sullivan 064 7758219 or email joskdp@eircom.net Limited availability.

**TRÓCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN.** Many thanks for your efforts in the Trócaire Lenten campaign. The money raised throughout the Diocese of Kerry in 2015 amounted to €180,850. This marks an increase of €32,616,(22%) from the previous year. The figure for 2014 was €148,234.

**THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD** as a way of life for you? You are invited to St. Patrick’s College, Thurles, on Feb 5th and 6th. This event is an opportunity for you to **‘*come and see*’**. Beginning with dinner at 6.30pm, followed by some time for prayer, meet others thinking of the priesthood and some recently ordained priests. Stay overnight, a brief talk on discerning a vocation, Mass, lunch, discussion. For more information contact Fr Michael Moynihan, Glengarriff at 087 6551902 or Fr Liam Comer, Dromtarriff, 087 2401246. Have a chat anyway!

**Parish Office Closed for Christmas**:

**All this week and will re-open on Wednesday, January 6th 2016 at 10.00 a.m. Should you have any Parish Office requirements Fr. Declan is available each morning after the 10.30 a.m. Mass**

Just a Thought

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday and begin the year 2016 this week – it might be appropriate to reflect on who is Jesus for me:

* Jesus is in every face, he is in every laugh and he is every fear.
* Jesus is in every heart; in every Mass, in every celebration.
* Jesus is in every person. He is the eyes of every young child; he is in every hurt and in those who are lonely.
* Jesus is in every mind; He is in every new born babe; and He is with those who are dying.
* Jesus is in every joy, He is in the beauty of nature; and he is present wherever we are. Jesus is the reason why, Jesus is my friend; and Jesus is my friend.

Bliain nua Faoi Shéan is Faoi Mhaoise Díbh go léir.

Wishing you All a Happy, Holy & Peaceful 2016