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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**24th January 2016**

**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 24th – 31st JANUARY**

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| Saturday 23rd  | Sean Curtin, St. Brendan’s Tec**, Months Mind /**Sr. Maura Carmody, Upper William St. & Mount Carmel Hospital, Dublin, Birthday Remembrance & **Recently Deceased** /Sarah Bambury, Ballylongford, **1st Anniversary** & Tom & Nellie O Donnell & Mary Moran, Ballylongford / Máire Uí Dhonnchadha /John Curtin & Deceased Family, Dromin /Mossie Carmody, Skehenerin /Sheila Loughnane, 6 Crosses /Mary O Connor nee Looney & Deceased Family members, Skehenerin /Jim (Jimmy) Galvin, Finuge  | **7pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 24th  | Fiona O Connor, The Square /Mona O Connell, Ballygologue Rd, Birthday Rem./Mary & John Guiney & Deceased Family Members, Tournafulla  | 9.00am |
| Pat Houlihan, Finuge  | 11.00am |
| Mon 25th |  | 10.30am |
| Tues 26th | **People of the Parish** | 10.30am |
| Wed 27th  | Timothy & Tony Buckley, Gortnaminch | 10.30am |
| Thurs 28th  | Tom O Connor & Mary Kelly, Shrone /Mai Sheehan, Finuge  | 10.30am |
| **St. Padre Pio Evening Mass**  | **7.00pm** |
| Fri 29th  |  | 10.30am |
|  Saturday 30th  | William & Bridie Doyle, Knockane | 10.30am |
| Betty McCarthy nee McElligott, Convent St. / PJ Browne, St. Brendan’s Tce. & Dublin /Michael Bambury, Gurtnaglana, Kilmorna /Noreen Hilliard, Billerough /Anthony Kennelly, Smerla Bridge /Bridget Brosnan, Behins /Eileen & John O’Connell, Ballygologue rd., Kitty Moore, Feale Drive, Mary & Johnny Dunworth, Moyvane & Deceased Members of the Hughes Family, Dublin | **Vigil 7pm** |
|  Sunday31st  | Agnes, Denis & Mike Kelly, Charles St. /Sergeant Andy Treacy & Mary Ann, Seamus & Kevin, Charles St | 9.00am |
| Winifred Millward & Deceased Family Members, Lartigue Village  | 11.00am |

 ***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, Jan., 24th Fr. Kennelly 0872931064 (emergencies only)***

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

**RECENT DEATHS** Eileen O Connor, St. Teresa’s, Clieveragh.

Roibeárd Thornton, Limerick late of Lixnaw.

Noel McElligott, died in Australia late of Ballyhennessy, Lixnaw

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: James Loughnane, Ballygologue Park / Mary Ward, Rathkeale / James O Sullivan, Gortnaminch, Bridget Leane, Feale Drive

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME** for our First Holy Communion children and their parents will take place this weekend at the Vigil Mass on this Saturday night at 7.00 p.m.

**FIRST COMMUNION TEACHERS** will meet in the Presbytery on Tuesday next 26th January at 1.15pm.

**PADRE PIO EVENING MASS** will take place on **Thursday next** at 7pm. incorporating the Rosary, Mass and Benediction.

**NEW IRISH CATECHISM CLASSES** Follow up Classes from the New Irish Catechism given by Fr. Sean O Sheehy at Listowel Parish Meeting Room starting on Monday, February 1st 2016. 10 sessions on Ethics and Morality - the bases for human dignity and living the Christian life. What is ethics? Where does morality come from? What is a "Right"? Who or what determines what is ethical or unethical, moral or immoral? How does Christian ethics differ from other ethical theories? Are there universal moral norms? Come and study these questions so you can help others understand what is right or wrong in living life to the full. Each sessions begins at 7.30 and ends at 9.00 P.M. on Monday evening beginning January 25th, and continuing on February 1, 8, 22, 29, March 7, 14, April 4, 11, 18. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Catechism and Bible – hand outs will be provided.

**DIOCESE OF KERRY EARTH WEEK**:   17-24 April 2016. The Diocesan Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee has chosen 'biodiversity' as the theme for Earth Week.  A meeting to explain how we can create diverse flower-rich habitats in our communities and help save our bees will be hosted by Kerry Co. Co. in the Meadowlands Hotel Tralee on Tue. Feb 2nd at 7.30pm.  More details, [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie).

**THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD** Maybe you have been ‘*Thinking about the Priesthood’* as a way of life for you? Maybe you have felt you are being called? You are invited to St. Patrick’s College, Thurles, on Feb 5th and 6th 2016. This event is an opportunity for you to **‘*come and see’***. We start on Feb. 5th with dinner at 6.30pm, followed by some time for prayer, meet others thinking of the priesthood and some recently ordained priests.  Stay overnight. On Feb 6th there is prayer, breakfast, a brief talk on discerning a vocation, preparation for Mass, lunch, discussion, depart. For more info: contact Fr Michael Moynihan PP 087 6551902 or Fr Liam Comer, PP at 087 2401246.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** **2016**: The Diocese of Kerry is leading a Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland from July 25th to August 1st 2016. This is an International Festival which gathers people from all over the world including days of celebration with Pope Francis. 35 people will travel from Kerry and while we already have two from Listowel there are just a few place left on the Pilgrimage. If you are interested and active in our Parish we will partly sponsor some of the cost as a Parish. Further details from Fr. Declan or Tomas Kenny email: tomaskenny@diopceseofkerry.ie or Mobile 086-3683778

**INVITATION TO MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES** Make 2016 special by celebrating the Year of Mercy by going on Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. ***June 22nd 2016 - 7 nights*** Ex Shannon accompanied by Fr. Joe Begley and Fr. Danny Broderick. Cost 679 euro.. ***August 3rd. 2016 - 7 nights.*** Ex Cork which includes last three days of International Youth Festival. Cost 669 euro inclusive of group travel insurance. ***September 21st. 2016. - 7 nights.*** Ex Cork Accompanied by Fr. Brian Boyle and Fr. Sean Tucker. Best accommodation across from Church with Tour Operator Joe Walsh Tours. Please contact Group leader Tom Dennehy 087/6468658.

**RETREAT FOR MEN & WOMEN** at Ardfert Retreat Centre on Wednesday February 3rd at 8pm. If interested contact Matt, 21420, Michael, 21596, Mossie, 21725, Michael, 21168, Bernard, 22942, John, 0861617528 & Mary 0874138371.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**SCOIL RÉALTA NA MAIDINE** Listowel Boy’s School open day, Wednesday 3rd February from 11am. to 12.30pm. Parents & Prospective Students are invited to view our school! Telephone 068-21994 / [www.scoilrealta.ie](http://www.scoilrealta.ie) / find us on Facebook Scoil Realta na Maidine.

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** Are you a parent of a child with a disability? If so, do you have plans to make a will. A talk will be given by Sarah Lennon of Inclusion Ireland on Wednesday. January 27 from 11.30am-1.30pm at Listowel Family Resource Centre.  Topics covered will include; making a valid will, social protection payments, disability means test, ward of court and guardianship, trust  funds and legal advice. There is contribution fee of five euro. Book now on (068) 23584.

**''THE KERRY BRANCH OF ARTHRITIS IRELAND** hosts a Free Public Information Talk on Living with Gout in The Manor West Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday night January 27th at 7pm. The speaker on the night will be Dr. Peter Browne, Consultant Rheumatologist, Bon Secours Hospital, Tralee.Arthritis Ireland will distribute their new booklet, ‘Living with Gout’ as well as their new booklets on each of the various medications used to treat the many forms of Arthritis at this meeting''.