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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**1st Sunday of Lent**

**14th February 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**

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 13th – 21st FEBUARY**

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| Saturday 13th  | Michael Barrett, Dirha East, **Months Mind** / Dan Mulvihill, Coolaclarig **Months Mind** & Ann Mulvihill, Coolaclarig, **1st Anniversary** /Robert McElligott, Convent St. /Celia Doyle, Lartigue Village / Bridget Walsh, Greenville Miriam Carey, Convent St. & Deceased Family /Maurice & Lena Hannon, The Square /Bryan McMahon , Church St.  | **7pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 14th  | Mary (Mai) Morrissey nee O’Connor, Dublin late of Bolton’s Cross, **Recently Deceased** / Maisie, Tadhg, Daniel & Eileen McCarthy, Duagh / William Harnett, Church Street | 9.00am |
| Jack & Molly Nolan, Aviation Drive | 11.00am |
| Mon 15th  | Ian McCarthy, Derrindaffe, Duagh /Sinead Collins nee Curtin, Feale Drive &Hannah Curtin nee Barry, St. Brendan’s Tce. | 10.30am |
| Tues 16th  | John & Hannah Regan, Knockane /Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed 17th  | Claire O Donnell, Charles St. **1st Anniversary**  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 18th  | Elizabeth Barrett, Fieldview, Birthday Rem. /Tom Relihan, Bedford | 10.30am |
| Friday19th | Daniel & Catherine O Flaherty, Cahirdown  | 10.30am |
| **Stations of the Cross** | **7.00pm** |
|  Saturday 20th  | Maura & Michael Chapman, Greenville | 10.30am |
| Ellen Eileen O Connor, St. Teresa’s Clieveragh, **Months Mind** /Sarah Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tce. /Kevin Lucey, Knockroe Drive & Charles St. /William McMahon, Gurtnaglana, Kilmorna /Mossie Walsh, The Square /Peggy Harnett, Ennismore /Denis & Julia Herlihy, Clonkeen & Listowel  | **Vigil 7pm** |
|  Sunday21st  | Hannah Walsh, Church Street  | 9.00am |
|  Jerry Hurley, Bedford**, Months Mind /**Paddy Roche, Ballybunion Road  | 11.00am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, Feb., 14th Fr. Mossie Brick 0879473317 (emergencies only)***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Our sincere thanks for the Offertory Collection last weekend & The Lourdes Helpers Fund.

**RECENT DEATH** Bridie Flaherty, died in London, late of Red Cottages.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Claire O Donnell, Charles St. 1st Anniversary / John Carrig, Tarbert / Timmy Canty, O’Connell’s Ave. / Anne O Sullivan, Charles St.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE BOXES**: are available at the back of the church. Please collect your envelope which contains all the info on this year’s campaign. All your Lenten offering which help the poorest of the poor in the Third World can be returned to the church during Holy.

**TROCAIRE VISIT**: Last year in 2015 Listowel Parish was most generous in contributing **€7,952.00** to Trócaire. We are very privileged that the Executive Director Mr. Eamonn Meehan is going to visit us next weekend, and speak at all of our Masses to thank you personally and give us an up-date on Trócaire current *work. Your generosity is most appreciated. Many Thanks*

**PIONEER LENTEN CHALLENGE!** Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent.  Make your Lenten pledge by visiting [**www.pioneerassociation.ie**](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative or Parish Office on 068-21188. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being.

**‘EARTH WEEK’ PROJECT ON BIODIVERSITY (DIOCESE OF KERRY)**  - information meeting will be held in the **Listowel Parish Meeting Room** on Wednesday next (17 February) at 7.30pm to explain the Biodiversity project and provide practical help to get it started, whether at home, our gardens etc. So bring along your ideas, questions and rough maps of the spaces you hope to make more biodiversity rich and pollinator friendly. Everyone is welcome: . Organised by the Diocesan JPIC Committee and Kerry Co. Council Further info: www.dioceseofkerry.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: Friday night next (Feb. 19th ) at 7.00 p.m. lead by our Ministers of Prayer ending before 7.30 p.m. This is just a small way that we can focus on the meaning of Lent culminating the Holy Week ceremonies in preparation for Easter.

**TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF MERCY,** Fr. Séamus O’Connell will give a presentation on Luke's Gospel. On Friday Feb 26th, he will explore ***Jesus as Mediator of Mercy in the Gospel of Luke*** in St. Brendan's Pastoral Centre, Upper Rock St. Tralee. Starting at 7.30pm and finishing by 9.30pm, the cost is €5 per night, and places may be booked at 064 6632644 or pastoralcentre@dioceseofkerry.ie .

**REMINDER PARISH BOXES 2016**: Denise *(Parish Secretary)* will be available at all masses this weekend with the new boxes at the back of the church after each mass. We would ask you to **collect your own personal box. You need your box number as they are organised in numerical order.** If you are not already registered she can also organise a box for your household. *Thanks for your co-operation*.

**“24 HOURS FOR THE LORD IN LISTOWEL”**

This is the third year of this initiative by Pope Francis.  He speaks of it in paragraph 17 of Misericordiae Vultus, the Face of Mercy. Bishop Ray has invited  t**wo parishes in the Diocese (Listowel & Caherciveen ) to have the 24 hours Adoration with priests available for Confession throughout the twenty four hours.**  **It is on Friday and Saturday, 5th/6th March.** It is an opportunity to highlight the Sacrament both in Lent and as a major part of the Holy Year of Mercy. ***More details later.***

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL ALZHEIMERS GROUP** Annual Church Gate collection will take place next weekend 20th & 21st Feb.

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIREMENT TEA DANCE** on Sunday 21st February at 2.30pm. in the Arms Hotel.

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM** will be held in the centre on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm.

**LISTOWEL BAZZAR AGM** Friday 19th Feb. at 7.30 in the Parish Meeting Room.

**TRIP TO SCOTLAND**: Edinburg Monday, 27th June to Friday, July 1st 2016 with Maureen Harty and Premier Travel. Further details on Poster at back of the church or phone 066-7131328

**RALLY FOR LIFE:** The first ever Munster Rally for Life will take place on Saturday February 27th, See www.munsterrallyforlife.com. Tel: 085 8555095.RALLY FOR LIFE - SATURDAY 27TH FEB AT 2PM**.** Assemble at the Grand Parade in Cork. With the upcoming election likely to be followed by a Referendum it is important that one should celebrate life and show that life is a treasure, a gift.

**LISTOWEL WILL HOST THIS YEARS FLEADH NA MUMHAN (MUNSTER FLEADH**) from 12th to 17th July. A public meeting will be held in Christy's The Well, The Square Listowel on Monday 22nd February at 8pm. The officers will give a progress update and need the help of the public in running this prestige event. We invite everyone to attend

**KERRY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** is pleased to invite interested parties to a public event in the Ashe Hotel, Tralee on Thursday 18th February 10am – 1pm.  Guest speaker Michael Ryan will speak about Recovery Principles as well as his own experience of recovery from mental ill-health. Representatives from Kerry Peer Support Network, a group of volunteers who provide support for individuals on their journey from mental distress to recovery, will also present.

**AWARE DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: Killarney – Mondays, KDYS at 8pm. Tralee – Tuesdays, meeting room at rear of St. John’s Church at 8pm. Aware Support Groups are free to attend, no referral necessary.** [**www.aware.ie**](http://www.aware.ie)

**KERRY SAMARITANS WILL BE RECRUITING NEW VOLUNTEERS** There will be information evenings on Wednesday, 17th February in the KDYS, Killarney at 8 p.m. and on Thursday, 18th February in Manor West Hotel, Tralee at 8 p.m. Samaritans provide emotional support in a confidential and non-judgmental place for people who may be in distress, despairing or suicidal by being available 24 hours a day to listen to our callers. Anyone can talk to Samaritans, at any time, about whatever's getting to them. We're just ordinary people who give up our time to listen. Samaritans can be contacted at any time by calling our free call helpline on 116 123. We also offer outreach talks for community groups and these can be arranged by request. We wish to thank you for all your support and help in the past as our work depends on and would not be possible without the generosity of the people of Kerry.

**TARBERT COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING BINGO** afternoon on Sunday the 28th of February at 2.00PM in the school.  All funds raised will go towards furnishing the new fitness suite that has just been built.  Books can be pre paid through the school office or at the door.  A single books cost €10 and a double book costs €15.

**NORTH KERRY WIND TURBINE AWARENESS GROUP**: All running candidates and current councillors have been invited to attend a public meeting on the proposed Ballyhorgan Wind Farm and an update on its current position.  Dromclough School, Thursday 18th February, 8.30pm.

**DYSLEXIA/DYSPRAXIA GROUP** will hold their monthly meetings at Listowel Family Resource Centre on the first Wednesday.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**  A public meeting has been organised by Right 2 Water Kerry Community Group in the Listowel Arms Hotel at 7.30pm. on Wednesday 17th February. All election candidates have been invited and everyone is invited to attend to put their questions forward. This event has been organised by the community for the community. Hope to see you all there.