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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**21st 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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 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 20th – 28th FEBUARY**

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| Saturday 20th  | 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 | **7pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 21st  | **Hannah Walsh, Church Street** | 9.00am |
| Jerry Hurley, Bedford**, Months Mind /**Paddy Roche, Ballybunion Road | 11.00am |
| Mon 22nd  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Tues 23rd  | Johnny Holly, O’Connell’s Ave & Paddy Roche, Ballybunion Road /Catherine O Sullivan, Clieveragh Downs **1st Ann**.  | 10.30am |
| Wed 24th  | Sheila McMullin, Tralee, **1st Anniversary**  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 25th  | John Enright, Dromerin | 10.30am |
| **St. Padre Pio Evening Mass** | **7.00pm**  |
| Friday26th  | Michael & Eileen Egan, Coilbee | 10.30am |
| **Stations of the Cross led by Pres. Sec. Girls** | **7.00pm** |
|  Saturday 27th  | Wulf Sobieralski, Ballygologue Pk. & Germany /Joe & Philly Shanahan, Dromin /Eileen & Jimmy Casey, Bridge Road | 10.30am |
| May Flavin, Church St. /Patrick & Ellen Lyons, Clieveragh /Patrick Guerin, Ballahadigue /Kathleen & Eddie Hartnett & Mossie & Maryann Hartnett, Gortnaminch /Margaret & John McCarthy & Deceased Family Members, Duagh | **Vigil 7pm** |
|  Sunday28th  | Ellen, Nell, Molly, Hannah & Maire Enright, Ballahadigue | 9.00am |
| Bridie Leahy, Ballygologue  | 11.00am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, Feb., 21st Fr. Kevin McNamara 0876099930 (emergencies only)***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Our Parish Finance Council say sincere thanks for the Offertory Collection last weekend.

**RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Keane,** Bridge Road / Kieran Gleeson, New Castle West / & **Mons. Tim Harnett**, late of Smearla Bridge, Trieneragh who died in San Diego, California during the week. May they rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Anne O Sullivan, Charles St. / Ned White, Bedford / Mary Wixted Woodford, & Murroe

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**WELCOME TO OUR TROCAIRE VISITOR**: Executive Director Mr. Eamonn Meehan who is speaking at all of our Masses this weekend to thank Listowel Parish personally for the **€7,952.00** contribution to Trócaire in 2015 and all your help in the past. *That was fabulous!* He will also give us an up-date on Trocaire current work.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Meeting on Tuesday next Feb. 23rd at 8pm. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS**: Presentation Secondary School on Tuesday next (Feb. 23rd at 9.00 a.m. & Wednesday next (Feb. 24th93) at St. Michael’s College at 9.00 a.m.

**KILLOCRIM FIRST CONFESSIONS:** will take place on Wednesday next Feb. 24th in the School at 8pm.

**BOYS’S SCHOOL** **FIRST CONFESSIONS:** will take place on Thursday 25th at 8.00 pm.

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

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME** for our First Holy Communion children and their parents will take place next weekend at the Saturday Vigil Mass. The parents in charge of this month are asked to meet Canon Declan on Thursday evening next in the Presbytery at 6.00 p.m.

**EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR PARISH READERS & MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** will take place in Ardfert Retreat Centre on Thursday night next 25th Feb. at Ardfert Retreat Centre, 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. – Speaker: Paul Montgomery, Chaplain at Causeway Comp. School. We invite any of our own above Ministers to come along for a lovely night of Prayer.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: on Friday night next (Feb. 26th) at 7.00 p.m. and ending before 7.30 p.m. **This Friday will be special as it will be led by the young people from Listowel Presentation Secondary School.** We thank them. While all are invited a special invitation is to our young people. We would love to have you.

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL** meet on Friday night next Feb. 26th at 8pm. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE BOXES**: are available at the back of the church. Please take one home. Many thanks.

**FRIDAY’S GENERAL ELECTION:** We bring to your attention the statement from the Bishop Ray on next Friday’s General Election. Copies are at the at the back of the Church and is also available on the Diocesan website  [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**REMINDER PARISH BOXES 2016**: We thank all of you who picked up their boxes last weekend. We ask those who have as yet to pick up their new box which begin in March or new householders wishing to register to call to the Sacristy after any mass this weekend or Parish Office during the coming week during Office hours. *Thanking you for your co-operation*.

***“24 HOURS FOR THE LORD HOSTED BY***

 ***LISTOWEL & NORTH KERRY PASTORAL AREAS”***

Just two weeks away before our **24 hours Adoration marking the Jubilee Year of Mercy**. It is taking place here at **St. Mary’s Church – beginning with the First Friday Mass, March 5th at 7.00 p.m. – and continuing with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament right throughout the night and ending before the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening (March 5th ) at 7.00 p.m**. Fr. Kevin McNamara P.P. Moyvane will be our guest speaker. There will be a priest available for Confessions throughout the 24 hour period. We invite parishioners from both Pastoral Areas to volunteer to spend at least an hour over the 24 hour period at the Adoration. Please put your name on **Master Sheet with Denise in the Parish Office** and will be at the back of the church next weekend at all masses. You may also phone her at 21188. This is a very special opportunity of grace for our Parish to celebrate the Mercy of God for us and to highlight the ‘***Love & Mercy of God***’ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIREMENT TEA DANCE** on this Sunday afternoon (Feb. 21st ) at 2.30pm. in Listowel Arms Hotel.

**LISTOWEL PIONEERS:** Any adults interested in re-activating the Listowel Pioneer Centre, or becoming new members, are invited to attend a meeting, in the Parish Meeting Room, on Thursday next, 25th February at 7.00pm. It is hoped that a separate night for teenagers and young people, who are interested in becoming Pioneers, will be organised in the near future.

**ST. PATRICK’S HALL AGM** will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 6.30pm. in St. Patrick’s Hall.

**KILLOCRIM COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT SCHEME** A public meeting will be held at Killocrim School on this Monday (Feb. 22nd ) at 6.45pm. to discuss a Text Alert Scheme for the locality. Sgt. Paula Kennelly - Listowel Garda Station and Gerry Dugan will attend to advice residents of the benefits of the scheme.

**CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MERCY,** Fr. Séamus O’Connell will give a presentation on Luke's Gospel on Friday next Feb 26th at St. Brendan’s Centre - Tralee More info: 064 6632644

**KILLOCRIM N.S. WILL HOLD AN OPEN DAY** for prospective new pupils and their parents on Thursday, February 25th

at 1p.m. All are welcome. Enrolment forms are available by contacting the school on 068 40419

**LISTOWEL BAZAAR** are asking the people that won hampers if they would like to recycle the baskets the hampers came in. The bazaar would appreciate them. Please contact Billy on 22131 to arrange to pick the baskets up.

**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.

**A NIGHT OF MUSICAL MELODIES & LAUGHS GALORE**! At the Tinteán Theatre, Ballybunion on Friday 4th March at 8pm. Fundraiser for Lisselton National School. Tickets €12.

**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)

**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. **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.

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

**OCCUPATIONAL FIRST AID CLASSES** Names are being taken for occupational first aid classes to commence shortly at Listowel Family Resource centre, contact 068 n23584 for further details.