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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

**3rd April 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*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 2nd – 10th April**

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| Saturday 2nd  | Mairead O Connor, Market Street, **1st Anniversary** Anthony Curtin, Clounmacon /Betty Gormaly, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Lilian Curtin, Coolaclarig /Henrietta Dillon, Behins  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 3rd  | Ann Dwyer, Sheehan, Ballygrennan /Tom & Jenny Carey, Main Street /Richard & Elizabeth Stokes, Listowel & Mullingar | 9.00am |
| Nora Flaherty nee Carroll & Martin (Sonny) Flaherty, O’Connell’s Ave. & Bebe Fitzsimons nee Flaherty & John Gilbert, London | 11.00am |
| Mon 4th  | Ted Keane, Slievecahill, Birthday Remembrance /Fr. Tom Daly, Knockane & USA /David Sweeney, O’Connell’s Ave.  | 10.30am |
| Tues 5th  |  | 10.30am |
| Wed 6th  |  | 10.30am |
| Thursday 7th  |  | 10.30am |
|  Friday 8th  | Tim & Bridie O’Flaherty, Church Street  | 10.30am |
| Saturday 9th  | Patrick Dinneen  | 10.30am |
| Toddy Sommers, Gurtinard /Michael, Mairead, Mary & Anne Lyons & Deceased Family, Dirha /Kevin Senior, Kevin Gegs & Jackie Sheehy /Paddy & Lil Flavin, Dirha & Bedford /Sheila Ryan, Skehenerin /Paddy, Chris & John Gleason & Jo & Jack Twomey, Dromin /Eileen Galvin, Dirha West  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday10th  |  | 9.00am |
| **People of the Parish** | 11.00am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 3rd April***

 ***Fr. Kevin McNamara 087-6099930 (emergencies only)***

**RECENT DEATHS: Kitty Neville**, Bedford

**Marie O’Connor (nee Farrell),** Ballylongford & London

**Peggy O Sullivan nee Cronin**, late of Coolagown died in Kildare.

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** John Sheehy, Clounmacon / James Sugrue, O’Connell’s Ave. / Richard Cantilon, Duagh /

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS:** here at St. Mary’s Church on this Sunday afternoon (April 3rd) from 3.00pm. to 4.00pm. Confessions will begin at 2.30pm. All are most welcome!

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME** for our First Holy Communion children and their parents will take place next weekend 9th April at the Saturday 6.15pm. Vigil Mass.

**RETURN TRÓCAIRE OFFERING:** Thanks to you who have already returned your Trócaire offering over the Easter period. You may still return your Trocaire Offering at the weekend masses or drop into the Sacristy or Parish Office asap if you have a box number please put on the Trócaire box/envelope. Many Thanks.

**THANKS FOR MAKING EASTER SO SPECIAL**: Many thanks to all who participated and organised all our liturgy ceremonies over the Easter period. It was very special. Thanks to all the various ministries who did an excellent job. Also to the Parish Liturgy Group who organise it all behind the scenes. Come and visit our Sacred Space depicting the Resurrection in front of Our Lady’s Altar at the moment. Well done to all involved.

**MEETING OF SAFE GUARDING CHILDREN COMMITTEE**: in the Presbytery on **Thursday night next ( April 7th ) at 8.00 p.m**. All members are asked to attend.

**FR. SHEEHY’S CLASSES IN LISTOWEL** last class this Monday evening 4th April in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Talk on the Eight commandment about the truth ‘to your own self be true’.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ICON** To mark the 150th Anniversary of Pope Pius IX presenting the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual help to the Redemptorists in 1866, a pilgrimage with the Icon to visit all Cathedrals of Ireland is being organised in the coming weeks.  On March 23rd Pope Francis will bless the Pilgrim Icon in St. Peters Square and from there begins the Pilgrimage around the country.

It will be presented in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Killarney on April 6th -7th, beginning with evening mass at 6.15pm, followed by veneration of the Icon, Taize music, an opportunity to write petitions and confessions up to 11.00pm.  There will be 7.00am Mass on April 7th followed again by veneration, Mass then at 10.30am and at 1pm the Icon departs for Cobh Cathedral.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Year of Mercy: A Course on Faith by Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wednesday, 6th April at 7.00pm.

**LOUGH DERG JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE SEASON** opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue on 2, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 of May.  Booking is essential.

The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August.  Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org,  [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org).

**EASTER / SPRING OFFERINGS**: A sincere thanks to all of you who supported The Annual Spring / Easter Offerings which support our priests over the Easter Masses. If you have not already done so you may still do so by using the green envelope in your Envelope Box and for those who do not use the envelope system there are loose green envelopes at the back of the church, which you can drop into the Offertory Plate or into Parish Office at any time. Many Thanks

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ARD CHÚRAM DAY CARE CENTRE** on their official opening next Friday 8th April at 2.30pm. Thanks to the community for your support. People always welcome to visit the Centre.

**ST. MICHAEL’S COLLEGE NIGHT AT THE DOGS**: Come along and support a Dog Night fund raising for the College’s Building Programme taking place on Friday night next April 8th @ 7.30 p.m. at Tralee Greyhound Track. A great night is assured. Thanks.

**ARUS MHUIRE NURSING HOME** are looking for people to help with their Annual street collection on Friday 8th April from 9am. tp 9pm. contact Bernie on 0871486580 or Arus Mhuire on 21470.

**LISTOWEL TIDY TOWNS** kick off on this Sat April 2nd with the Approach Roads  and follow on from the following Mon. with our own Clean up Week. Volunteers needed to make both these events a success and to keep Listowel an award winning Town again this year! contact. Mary @ 087 6270033

**CYSTIC FIBROSIS** We are holding a coffee morning on the 15th April in Christys bar from 10am-1pm. We are raising funds for cystic Fibrosis.

***Check out more notices on the Church notice board and our Web Page at*** [***www.listowelparish.com***](http://www.listowelparish.com)

**ART CLASSES**  on oil painting, starting on the 14th April at 7.30pm in the Shakti wellness center in St Ita's Road in Abbeyfeale, please contact me at 087 1538884.

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE** An information seminar for parents of children with a disability on a subject of making a will takes place at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Wednesday. April 20. The keynote speaker at the event will be Sarah Lennon of Inclusion Ireland. Among the topics addressed at the event will include; how to make valid will, social protection payments, disability allowance means tests, how to become a ward of court/legal guardian. information will be provided on legal affairs and trust funds.. The event commences at 11.30am and all are welcome to attend. ***Vegetable Growing*** Names are currently being taken for a Fetac Level 3 course on vegetable growing. This course is open to anyone interested in growing their own vegetables. For further details contact Bridie on (068) 23584.

**ANAM CARA** is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 12th of April 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.

**VOLUNTEER WITH SAGE SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**. Sage needs volunteers to help speak up for older people across all care settings. Sage will provide QQI accredited training and ongoing support. For more information call 086 183 1428, email michelle.rooney@sage.thirdageireland.ie or see [www.sage.thirdageireland.ie](http://www.sage.thirdageireland.ie)