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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**25th September 2016**

**Parish Priest: Very Rev. 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 and a live stream of all liturgies at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) and all Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 24th – 2nd October**

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| Saturday24th  | Noreen Browne nee Dore, Woodford **1st Ann**./ Noreen Harnett, Smerla Bridge /Tim & Babe O’Sullivan, St. Brendan’s Tce. /John Joe Stack, Bedford /Thomas O’Connor & Deceased Family Members, Skehenerin / Mary Moran, Billerough / Michael Scanlon, Dirha & London & Agnes, Maurice & Joe Scanlon & Deceased Members of the Scanlon &O’Connor Families | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 25th  | Ann Hannon, Ballygologue Pk, **1st Ann.** /Sinead Deasy, Dublin, Recently Deceased /Anna Buckley, College Lawn & Kilkee  | 9.00am |
| **Funeral Mass – Philip Healy, Greenville**  | 11.00am |
| Mon 26th  | Julia & William McMullan, Tralee | 10.30am |
| Tues 27th  | Edward (Ned) McGrath, Woodford & Writers Grove, **1st Anniversary**  | 10.30am |
| Wed 28th  | Private Intention  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 29th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 10.30am |
|  Fri 30th  | John McElligott, Kilmorna | 10.30am |
| Saturday 1st Oct.  | Angela Clasin & Jack & Mamie O’Connor /Ned McGrath, Woodford & Writers Grove, **1st Anniversary**  | 10.30am |
|  Pat & Margaret O Sullivan, Finuge /Tom McCarthy, Coolnaleen /Donie Cahill, Abbeyfeale /Patsy Nolan, Ballygrennan & Pat Nolan, Kilmorna / Patrick Carey, Ballygologue Rd & John & Josephine Woulfe, Ballygologue Rd & Patrick Street.  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday2nd  | Peter Anthony Downing, Courthouse Rd. /Mary O Sullivan, Ennismore  | 9.00am |
| Peggy O’Connor, Market St. & Clieveragh /Martin McGrath, Cahirdown /Paddy O’Sullivan, Meen | 11.00am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 25th September Fr. Brick 087-9473317*** *(emergencies only)*

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

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS Philip Healy,** Greenville. Arriving into the Church this Saturday evening (24th). Requiem Mass Sunday at 11am. Burial in St. Michael’s Cemetery.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Christy Keogh, Craughatoosane / Mary Anne Stack, Trienearagh, Irremore & London.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DAYS OF PRAYER, GIFT OF MERCY** This weekend begins our diocesan Days of Prayer, Gift of Mercy, Sept 24th – Oct 3rd. Join us in prayer and action as we reflect on being people of mercy in our homes and in our communities, responding to Pope Francis’ call to us. Pick up a prayer leaflet at the back of the Church or join us on [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie); The Days of Prayer, Gift of Mercy will close with a Celebration of Mercy and Healing in St. Mary’s Cathedral on Monday, Oct 3rd at 7.30pm.

**FR. SEAN O SHEEHY’S COURSE** Fr. Sean is once again providing a catechesis course on the next chapter of the **New Catechism** – This time the focus will be on **PRAYER:** 6 sessions 7.00 - 8.30. Monday 26th September at the **Parish Meeting Room**. All are welcome.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** Tuesday 27th September at 8pm. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

**COURSE FOR READERS / MINISTERS OF THE WORD**: Reminder that the Diocese is providing a course for all our Readers / Ministers of the Word from our Pastoral Area taking place in St. Patrick’s Hall, Upper William Street on Wednesday night next, 28th September beginning at 8.00 p.m. and ending at 9.30 p.m. We invite and recommend that all our Readers avail of this night of reflection. Thanks.

**Invitation for Altar Servers**

We invite any boy or girl from 4th, 5th or 6th Classes, from any of our local schools, to be a Server in the new rota beginning in October. Fr. Declan will make Application Forms available in each of the Parish schools during the coming week and should a boy or girl be going to a school outside the Parish, application may be made through the Parish Office. When you receive your Application Form, we ask both a parent and child to fill it in and bring it to a **short meeting of the Parents and the Servers on Wednesday night next 28th September, at 7.00 pm, in the Church,** to inform all present of the Kerry Diocesan Child Protection Policy. It is now Diocesan Policy to have this meeting and it will be finished by 7.30pm.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Similarly,a night for all the Eucharistic Ministers of our Pastoral Area will take place again at St. Patrick’s Hall on Wednesday, October 5th at 8.00 p.m. It will be given by Frances Rowland of the Diocesan Pastoral Team and we recommend that all our ministers attend. We also wish to have a number of extra ministers of the Eucharist to join whatever mass you go to. The commitment is one month is three. Please contact Fr. Declan or Parish Office for more details.

**PADRE PIO EVENING MASS** ***will take place on the First Friday of every month*** from October onwards – beginning with the Rosary at 6.45 p.m. **Mass at 7.00 p.m.** followed by the St. Pio prayers and Benediction.

**GOD’S MERCY AND MOTHER TERESA** – An evening of prayer, music and recollection in St Mary’s Cathedral Killarney with guest speaker Susan Conroy from USA - Friday 30th Sept, 7.30pm. All welcome refreshments afterwards.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ST. MICHAEL’S COLLEGE LISTOWEL,** Open Night will be held on Thursday 29th September 2016 from 7.30pm to 9pm. Meet the teachers and view the fantastic facilities within the school. All are welcome.

**PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL LISTOWEL** are holding their Open Night on Wednesday, 5th October 2016 in the School from 5.00p.m. to 8.00p.m.

**KERRY AND LISTOWEL ALZHEIMER'S DAYCARE RESPITE** Are you a caring person with time to spare? If so, the North Kerry and Listowel Alzheimer's Daycare Respite facility at Listowel Family Resource Centre is seeking volunteers on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. Further details available from Bridie on (068 23584). Centre on (068) 23584 as early booking advised.

**LISTOWEL BRANCH KERRY HOSPICE**  Are hosting their annual Coffee morning in Christy’s, The Square, Listowel on Friday 30th September 2016 from 10am. to 1pm. Your support would be much appreciated. All are welcome.

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY** Will hold Writing Workshops every Tuesday Morning for the month of  October and November from 11 am - 12 noon. The Workshops are facilitated by Kerry County Councils Writer in Residence Máire Holmes, starting on October 4th. Please contact the Library to secure your place on 068-23044.

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

**YOUTH 2000** invites all **young adults between ages of 16-35** to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from the 7th-9th October 2016 in De La Salle College, Newtown, Waterford. This will be a very exciting weekend. **What to expect?** Good craic!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring talks and workshops, prayer, great music, group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, a Healing Service, games, lots of time to chill out and meet new people. For more details and to register online see [**www.youth2000.ie**](http://www.youth2000.ie/) The weekend is being organised by young people for young people. Parental consent is essential for all those under 18. All meals are provided for and accommodation is on site! **Don’t let money be an obstacle**; just bring any donation and a sleeping bag. **Newcomers very welcome**

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE Faith and Spirituality for Parents: Paul Montgomery, B.A.Theol., M.A.Chap., Grad Holocaust Ed.** Mondays - 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th October, 2016 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Evenings of Reflection, Meditation, Mindfulness to promote Positive Mental Health and Stress Management. **Celebrating Catholic Faith Beliefs:** Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wednesdays 28th Sept. to 16th Nov. 7.00pm - 8.30pm. We celebrate our faith in the Sacraments. **Capacitar:** Saturday 1st Oct from 9.45 to 4.00pm. Self Care Day: Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness. Contact Anna O'Donoghue 0879447105. Ref. capacitar-Ireland.org

**YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOP** There will be a workshop for all involved in Youth Music Ministry on Saturday, October 22nd 2016 in St. Brendan’s College (The Sem) Killarney.  Registration will begin at 10:30am.  Lunch will be served on the day.  The workshop is geared at people involved with youth choirs or youth folk groups, people who may want to set up such groups in your parish and people who would like to use more youth-friendly music in their parish.  Please contact Tomás Kenny (Diocesan Pastoral Team) on 086-3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie for more information.  Application forms will be sent to the parishes.  You can also download the form on the Diocese of Kerry website – [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** Thursday 6th October 2016 10am - 1pm. A free seminar on supporting healthy family life. Babies are welcome to attend with family members. Speakers Mary Collins: Child Development & Toddler years Caroline Condon: Asking for help and how to talk about Post Natal Depression, Brίd Brosnan: Physio for moms. Dr Ann Horgan: Mental Well-Being for Mom & Baby Information stands on the day include: HSE Primary Care, North Kerry Mental Health Group, Baby Massage, Play Therapy, Cranio-Sacral Therapy etc. ‘Goodie Bags’ to all attending. Light refreshments served on the day Contact; Listowel Family Resource.

**BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS** – Listowel Bridge Club Anyone interested in taking bridge lessons please contact Maria O’Connor on 087 755 4996.

**DESIGNER MINDS** will be running a Primary Science, Design and Technology after-school club in Listowel. 1 hour of hands-on STEAM activities each week, for kids who love to design, build and experiment.  Visit [www.designerminds.ie](http://www.designerminds.ie) or call 087 631 0411.

**NORA MULVIHILL COFFEE MORNING** in aid of Listowel Hospice that took place the week of the races raised €413.00. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**ANAM CARA,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 4th of October from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry. This is a free event. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 3rd October or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.**HSE STOP SMOKING COURSE** Like to quite smoking? A HSE 6-week ‘Stop Smoking’ support group will start in: Family Resource Centre, John B Keane Rd, Tuesday 4th Oct. to 8th Nov. From 6.30 to 7.30pm. The course is free of Charge and delivered by a Smoking Cessation Officer. To confirm booking as places are limited ring Mary on 066-7195617.