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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

**1st January 2017**

**Parish Priest: Very Rev. Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hour’s emergency no. 0870908949.**Email:** [listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto: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 at 12.00 noon. **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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*Loop System.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK DEC 31st – 8th January**

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| Saturday  31st | Peggy Harrington nee Lyons, Birmingham, & Ennismore, **Recently Deceased** /  Bridie Sayers, Greenville /  Carmel Walsh, Ballygologue Pk. / John Charlie O Sullivan, Killocrim / Peggy O Dell Moloney, Charles St. / | **Vigil**  **6.15pm** |
| Sunday  1st | Brendan Guiney, Charles Street /  Larry Senior & Dora Buckley, Tanavalla | 9.00am |
| Joan Walsh, The Square, **Months Mind** /  Joe Carroll, St. Brendan Tec. /  Tadgh Laide, Ballygologue Pk. /  John O Mahony, Ballygrennan /  Micháel O Sullivan, Clieveragh Downs | 12.00pm |
| Mon 2nd | Michael O Neill, Ballygologue Rd | 10.30am |
| Tues 3rd | Margaret & Richard Roche, O’Connell’s Ave. & Jacqueline Jennings nee Roche, London | 10.30am |
| Wed 4th | Dr. Joe Devine, Church St. | 10.30am |
| Thurs 5th | Peg Kelly, Duagh | 10.30am |
| Paudie Horgan, Cherrytree Drive /  Billy & Rory O’Connell, Grogreen /  Teresa Bambury, Gortaglanna, Kilmorna /  Maltida, Patrick & Johnny Kelly, Billerough | 6.15pm |
| Friday 6th | ***People of the Parish*** | 10.30am |
| Johnny Bracken, Athlone & Caherciveen,  **Recently Deceased** | 1.10pm |
| Saturday  7th | Anne Maire O Sullivan, Lartigue Village & Charles Street, Birthday Remembrance /  Peter Murphy, Ennismore | 10.30am |
| Kathleen Dillon, Gortcreen, Months Mind /  John Michael Murphy, Church Street /  Tim Flaherty, Derry / Ned Moriarty, College Lawn / Dora & Larry Buckley, Tanavalla & Joe Carr Ballbriggan, Dublin / Baby Mark Grace, Kenny Heights / George McEneaney, Gortacrissane | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
| Sunday  8th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Christy Sommers & Deceased Family, Billerough / Bridie Cronin, Ballinruddery /  Christy O Connor, Coolnalaught &  James Culhane & Pat Galvin, Moyvane /  Tom & Eileen O Halloran, Bridge Road | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday,*** 1st January ***Fr. Spring 0872935969*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS:** Eamonn Roche, O’Connell’s Ave who died in Swansea this past week.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** John, Eileen, Bert & Jimmy Griffin, Patsy Breen, Joan Sharry, Bridge Rd & William Bartishell, Market St. / Bridie Sayers, Greenville / Tom & Eileen O Halloran, Bridge Rd. / Elizabeth O Connor & Deborah Canty / Anna Mai O’Connor, Tullamore, Delia Barry (nee Bunyan) Greenville.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS 2017:** As you are aware the Diocese has 13Diocesan Collections this year, whereby the Diocese has a acquired a public permit from the Garda. The List for 2017 is up on the Notice Board at the back of the Church as you enter. While these Collection takes place within the church immediately after Holy Communion on these dates, generally no other collection has permission outside the gates on these dates. Usually it is about one collection per month.

**JANUARY DIOCESAN COLLECTION: FOR NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND:** takes place next weekend 7th & 8th January. This collection provides assistance to those in need in the Holy Land and helps fund 36 Dispensaries, 21 Charitable Institutes, 120 Centres of Education and also housing projects for the deprived.

**FEAST OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** takes on Friday next, Jan. 6th It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: Vigil Mass will take place on Thursday evening Jan. 5th at 6.15pm. Friday Morning mass at 10.30am & 1.10pm. (lunch time).

**CELEBRATING THE BAPTISMS OF 2016:** As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord next weekend, we invite all who were baptised here at St. Mary’s Church in 2016 to join us for our **Vigil Mass on Saturday night next (Jan. 7th 2017**) **at 6.15 p.m**.. A special New Year’s Blessing will be given to all our babies present. Our Parish Baptism Teams will be present. So we invite all parents, babies, god parents, or any others who were baptised throughout the past calendar year of 2016. Sit anywhere in the centre pews of the church. There will be a ‘***cuppa’*** in the Parish Meeting Room after Mass.

**VOCATIONS** “*Every individual person has a vocation, their calling in life. Every person’s life is unique, irreplaceable and precious. Priesthood, the ordained ministry, is one vocation and a vital one for the church communities, for our parishes, our Diocese, and our world*.” +Ray Browne. Bishop of Kerry.

If you feel called to be a Priest in the Diocese of Kerry contact Fr. Michael Moynihan, Vocations Director, 087 6551902 or email [glengarriff@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:glengarriff@dioceseofkerry.ie)

**PARISH OFFICE REOPENS ON WEDNESDAY:**

**morning next , January 4th at 10.00 a.m**.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ANAM CARA,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 10th of January from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven, 5 Haigs Terrace, Killerisk, Tralee This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

***Just a Thought***

*Having begun a New Year, for many it is a time to make new year resolutions and reflect a little on our lives. Give time to the lonely and elderly … Seek out a forgotten friend … Share some treasure .. Give a soft answer .. Encourage youth … Apologise if you were wrong .. Try to understand .. Be kind .. Be gentle … Laugh a little .. Laugh a little more … Express gratitude… Pray .. Go to Mass .. Mend a quarrel.. Welcome the stranger .. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth .. Thus may our celebration of our Mass be a real expression of Christian community living. Speak your love .. speak it again And allow the Child King to fill your heart with Christmas joy throughout 2017.*

Bliain nua Faoi Shéan is Faoi Mhaoise Díbh go léir.

*Wishing you All*

*a Happy, Holy & Peaceful 2017*