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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**4th December 2016**

**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. *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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**MASSES THIS WEEK 3rd – 11th December**

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| Saturday3rd  | Micheál O’Sullivan, Clieveragh Downs, **Months Mind** / Robert & Kevin Broderick, Kay & Don O’Leary & Sonja Broderick, Birthday Rem., William St. / Mick McAuliffe, Church St /Margaret Lynch, Glin/ Eleanor Culbert nee Moore, Charles St. / Jeremiah Lehane, Gortacrissane / Daniel Donegan, Ballygologue /Eugene & Mai O’Brien, Cahirdown /Toddy O’Connor, Church Street  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 4th  | Tim & Teresa Greaney & Jack & Jane Kelly,  Finuge / Bridget Twomey, Dirha Cottages | 9.00am |
| David O’Brien, Kilmeany, Kilmorna /Peggy & Dr. Johnny Walsh, The Square /David Bunyan Junior, Convent Street  | 12.00pm |
| Mon 5th  | Bunny Dalton, Charles St. / Kitty Healy nee Collins & Deceased Members of the Healy Family / Margaret Nolan, O’Connell’s Ave. | 10.30am |
| Tues 6th  | Michael Meehan, Lartigue Village | 10.30am |
| Wed 7th  | Patsy Lyons, Clieveragh/ Claudia Costello nee Shine, Coolaclarig & Ballygologue Pk/ Joseph O’Halloran, Woodford | 10.30am |
| Dan Hayes, Bridge Road & Deceased Family Members / Tim Kennelly, Bedford /Marie Kelliher, Lartigue Village | 6.15pm |
| Thurs 8th  | Mary Walsh, Dirha East / Mai Stack, Feale Dr. | 10.30am |
| ***People of the Parish***  | 1.10pm  |
|  Friday 9th  | Ollie Leahy, Gortaglanna | 10.30am |
| Saturday 10th    | John O Halloran, The Meadows | 10.30am |
| Helen McConnell, O’Connell’s Ave. & Deceased Family Members / Margaret Moloney, Derry /Willie Doyle, Fourhane /David Cronin, Coolagown /Baby Andrea Loughnane, Clieveragh Road | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday11th  |  Pat Scannell, Dromin, **Months Mind** / Dan B. Joy, Gortnaminch | 9.00am |
| Joseph & Hannah Walsh & Deceased Family, Dirha / Jimmy Lyons, Glenoe /John Sexton, William Street  | **12.00pm** |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 4th December Fr. Lawlor 0876794112*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS:** **Kathleen Dillon,** Gortcreen.

**Eileen Kelly nee Galvin,** Bray, Wicklow, late of Gortcreen.

**Nora Leahy nee Mulvihill,** Tralee, late of Ballygologue Rd.

**Joan Walsh**, The Square

**Mary Noyce nee Walsh,** Essex, late of Coilbee.

**Stevie Walsh**, late of Greenville / Ballybunion & Milton Keynes

**John L. Sullivan,** Whetstone, London late of Ennismore. Requiem Mass and burial of Ashes at a later date.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Deceased Members of the Costello Family Meenanare, Duagh / Margaret Dillon, Meen. Patrick Carmody, Skehenerin / Toddy O’Connor, Church St. / Eugene & Mai O’Brien, Cahirdown / Joan Keating, Dirha Cottages / Peggy Stack nee Griffin, O’Connell’s Ave. / Sheila Griffin, Miltown.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will be held this weekend at the Saturday Vigil 6.15pm. 3rd December. All are welcome!

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH COLLECTION:** will be taken up on the weekend of December 3rd & 4th. The KDYS has been working with young people in the Diocese of Kerry since 1971. It provides an invaluable service to thousands of young people through its network of youth clubs, projects and centres.  Proceeds from the collection will fund the on-going development of youth clubs across the Diocese.

**SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**: in preparation for Christmas is taking place each Sunday of Advent in the Adoration Chapel from 3pm to 6pm. You are invited to drop in and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V.M.:** on Thursday next , December 8th It is a Holy Day of obligation. Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening at 6.15 p.m. and Masses on Thursday at 10.30 a.m. & 1.10 p.m. lunch time. **(please note times)**

**CONFESSIONS:** St. Michael’s College on Tuesday morning (Dec. 6th ) and in the Presentation Secondary School on Wednesday morning (Dec. 7th ).

**CHRISTMAS MASS FOR KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS CENTRE:** Wednesday next (Dec. 7th ) at 1.30 p.m. & in Woodford on Friday evening next (Dec. 9th ) at 6.00 p.m.

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME**: The December gathering of our First Holy Communion children and their parents for the ‘*Do this in Memory of Me’* Programme will take place at the Vigil Mass on Saturday night next (Dec. 10th ) The organising parents of next weekend are asked to meet Fr. Declan at the Presbytery on Tuesday evening next at 6.00 p.m. in the Presbytery.

**CLOUNMACON ANNUAL COMMUNITY MASS & PARTY:** Is taking place in their Community Centre on Friday night ( Dec. 16th ) at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.  **YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT** 16th – 18th Dec. at Newbridge College, Kildare. For more info 01-6753690 / [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** Available at the Parish Office. Individual Cards are €1.00 each and pack of 6 for €5.00. Also we have Christmas Mass Bouquet cards

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** in the Listowel Arms Hotel Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th Dec. 5pm. to 8pm. each evening.

**PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL LISTOWEL** invites 6th Class Students to their Orientation Day on Thursday 8th December 2016. For further information please ring the school office on 068 21452.

**KNOCK SHRINE NIGHT VIGIL 7TH DEC.** Vigil programme 10pm. confessions in the chapel of reconciliation 12am. Vigil in Basilica 4am. Concelebrated Mass. Fare €25 per seat. Coach will leave Listowel 4.30pm. Phone Fitzpatrick’s on (068) 21707 or (087) 3966399.

**LISTOWEL BAZAAR** Friday 9th & Saturday 10th Dec. at the Boy’s School Hall doors opened at 8pm. All welcome. Special draw Saturday night 1st prize €1,000 cash prize.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** **ANNUAL COLLECTION** Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th Dec. by giving what you can, you will be helping another family get through this winter. You will help them get back on their feet. You will help give them a brighter future. Thank you for your generosity.

***Check out more notices on the Church notice board and our Web Page at www.listowelparish.com***

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** Jumble Sale

Will be held at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Thursday. December 15 from 12 noon-4pm. Grandparemts Tea Party

All Grandparents are invited to attend our Grandparents Tea Party, there will be activities available for them to join in with their Grandchildren, along with excellent refreshments. Lets start Christmas off with a cup of tea. Wednesday December 14 from 3-5pm.

**THE SEANCHAÍ KERRY LITERARY AND CULTURAL CENTRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LISTOWEL BRANCH OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL,** will be hosting a Christmas “Giving Tree” Morning Tea event on ***Tuesday the 13th December 2016,*** between 10am and 1pm. An open invitation is warmly extended to all, to leave an item under the “Giving Tree” and enjoy the complimentary service of coffee, tea and scones.  The “Giving Tree”, will provide all visitors to the Seanchaí Centre, the opportunity to donate non perishable items suitable for packing into St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers, and will be ready to start receiving donations from Wednesday 30th November 2016. The Morning Tea will be the showcase event for this charitable partnership. All donations of non perishable foods and gifts, will be handed over to the St Vincent de Paul team, who will package the items into Christmas Hampers for families in need.

**ANAM CARA,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 13th of December from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig Terrace, Killerisk, Tralee, Co. Kerry. 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.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE: An Hour of Prayer Using Scripture (Lectio Divina):** Sr. Elizabeth Gilmartin, Tuesday 6th Dec. 7.00pm-8.00pm. **Christian Morality: The Faith Lived** by Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wednesday 7th Dec. 7.00pm-8.30pm. **Ardfert Historical Lecture Series:** Ardfert Video Archives by Steve Baker, Thursday 8th Dec. 8.00pm-10.00pm

***Advent Retreat:*** Fr. Nick Harnan, Friday 9th Dec. to Sunday 11th Dec.(bookings also available for Saturday 10th Dec.). **Contact:** 066 7134276 or ardfertretreat@eircom.net.

**TARBERT COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL** many thanks to those who contributed so generously to the Concern church gate collections which were held on November 26th & 27th. The amount raised in Listowel was €1,335.00. Thanks also to all those who helped with the collections.