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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**18th 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 17th – 25th December**

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| Saturday17th  | Sr. Basil McAuliffe, Church St. /William & Hannah Crockery, Lixnaw & John Joe Foley, Killarney /Peter Junior McCarthy, London & Tanavalla / Andy Sayers, Cahirdown /Breda Walsh, Finuge /Eily & Denis Long, Knocknagoshel &Daniel, Thady, Masie & Eileen McCarthy Duagh  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 18th  | Michael & Kathleen Cody, Ballybunion Rd / Paddy Healy, Willow Place | 9.00am |
| Edmund Murphy, Behins /Tom Keane, Derry | 12.00pm |
| Mon 19th  | Buddy Dalton, Charles Street /Maureen & John Joy, Ballygologue Road & Deceased Members of the Joy & O’Connell Families | 10.30am |
| Tues 20th  | Jack & Mamie O’Connor & Angela Caslin | 10.30am |
| Wed 21st  | Dan Browne, Ballygologue Park | 10.30am |
| Thurs 22nd  | James, Nora & Colin Hickey, Convent View /Catherine (Kitty) Hastings, Lyreacrompane Birthday Remembrance  | 10.30am |
|  Friday 23rd  | Sean Curtin, **1st Anniversary** & Hannah Curtin & Deceased Family, St. Brendan’s Tec.  | 10.30am |
| Saturday 24th ***Christmas*** ***Eve.***    Saturday 24th  ***Christmas*** ***Eve***  | Helen Enright, Billerough, **Months Mind /**Joan & Tom Keating, Dirha Cottages & Teresa Healy, Ballyhalla, Richard O’Connell, St. Brendan’s Tec., Joanne Fitzgerald, London & Dell & Sheila Painter, London  | 10.30am |
| Maurice & Mary O Connell & Sr. De Lourdes, Grogreen / Michael & Pauline Kennedy, Limerick /Daniel & Elizabeth Kearney, Moyvane &William, Ellen, Mairead & Anne Walsh, Pollough & Hannah Mulvihill, Bedford /Michael McDonnell, Co Clare & London &Katie O Brien, London /Margaret Carmody, Knockroe Drive /John Mulvihill, Coolaclarig /Ned, Paddy & John Fealy, Ennismore &Joan, Hannah & Dan Walsh, Craughatoosane / Laurence, Ellen & Maurice Collins Kilmorna & Michael, Mary, Michael Gerard & Eamon O Connor, Patrick Street /Sr. Maura Carmody, Patrick Street /Kathleen & Michael Browne, Co Waterford / Robert & Catherine Stack, Moyvane &Maureen Stack & Sr. Julianna Culhane  | **Vigil 6.15pm** **Vigil 6.15pm** |
| ***Mass of the Nativity*** | **9.00pm.**  |
|  Sunday25th  **Christmas** **Day**  | Charlie Chute, Greenville /Jim & Anne O’Sullivan, Charles Street /Patrick, Kathleen & Patsy Stack, Nell & Jack O’Connell, Denis Kelly, Bill O Sullivan, Tade Foley & Family Gurtcreen | 9.00am |
|  ***People of the Parish***  | **12.00pm** |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday,*** 18***th December Fr. Brick 0879473317*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS: Caroline Enright nee Leahy,** Feale Drive. / **John Moran**, Slough, England. / **Peggy Harrington nee Lyons,** Bermingham, late of Ennismore.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Jack Danaher, Cahirdown / Thomas & Catherine Mulvihill, William St. / Kathleen Griffin, Coolagown / Jack & Margaret Whelan, Market St.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS *A Celebration of Christmas.***  Here in our beautiful Church performed by our Parish Choir on this Sunday evening 18th December at 7pm. No admission everybody welcome. Also if you cannot make it you can also tune in on the web [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) live stream.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES & SERVICES:**We invite you to pick up a copy of our Christmas Mass schedule & Services at the back of the church this weekend. It contains all the times of Christmas masses, Carol Services, Confessions etc for Christmas. *Please take one!*

**CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE / CONFESSIONS: this** Monday (Dec. 19th) at 8.00 p.m. at St. Marys Church. It will consist of a short penitential service followed by the opportunity of individual confession with the priests of the Pastoral Area present. We appeal to as many people as possible to avail of this opportunity for their Christmas Confessions on Monday.

**PLEASE NOTE OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve Vigil)**

at 6.00pm with our Parish Folk Group (children’s mass)

& Mass of the Nativity with our Parish Choir at 9.00pm. the Choir will also be singing at 8.40pm before the 9.00pm. Mass

**Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day**

at 9.00am (with our Parish Folk Group) and

 Mass at 12.00pm. (with our Parish Choir)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS: From 1.00 p.m. Friday, December 23rd 2016 to 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, January 4th 2017 Usual daily masses (Monday to Saturday ) at 10.30 a.m. during the Christmas Season.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING / DUES 2016**

Your Christmas Offering / Dues which support your priests can be handed in over Christmas period. To facilitate the collecting of the ***Christmas Offering / Dues*** as it is done now throughout the Diocese, the Baskets will be passed around immediately after Holy Communion at each mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. The envelope is in your Envelope Box or use the loose envelopes at back or church or any envelope. Any offering is much appreciated and we thank those of you who have already done so. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**KERRY SAMARITANS** As Christmas approaches it is time one again for the Kerry Samaritan to ask for help from the parishioners in order to allow us to continue our vital work in the community. Our Church gate collection will be taking place on Christmas Eve. and Christmas Day across Kerry. With the hard economic situation faced by the whole county it is vital that we are able to continue to provide help and emotional support to our callers and the community. This work would not be possible without the generous help and support of the people of Kerry.

**DON’T BE LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS** Senior Help Line, Ireland’s only national listening service for older people, will be open every day over Christmas and the New Year from 10 am to 10 pm.

So let us put the companionship into Christmas this year. LoCall 1850 440 444, no call costs more than 30 cents.  All calls completely confidential.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LISTOWEL** wishes to thank everyone who contribute to their recent annual church gate collection. The amount raised was €4,988.40.