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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5th Feb 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. *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 4th – 12th February**

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| Saturday4th  | Peter Doyle, Tanavalla, **Months Mind** /Denis, Agnes & Michael Kelly, Mary Gore, Charles St. / John Keane, Ballygrennan /PJ Browne, St. Brendan’s Tce & Dublin /Margaret (Madge) O Donoghue, Asdee / Patrick, Timothy & Joan Buckley, Knockane | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 5th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| **Funeral –** Ralph Toomey, Dirha Cottages | 12.00pm |
| Mon 6th  | Sheila Julia Fitzell, Ballygologue Rd, **1st Anniversary** | 10.30am |
| Tues 7th  | Teresa Wolfe, Listowel /Francis Stack, Glenoe & Writers Grove | 10.30am |
| Wed 8th  | John & Lena Mulvihill, Kilarda /Andy Hayes, O’Connell’s Ave. **Months Mind**  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 9th  | Bridget (Bridie) Kelliher, O’Connell’s Ave. / Kathleen & Patsy Stack **Birthday Remembrance,** Gortcreen | 10.30am |
|  Fri 10th  | William & Nellie Moloney, Charles Street /John & Nellie Moloney, Charles Street  | 10.30am |
| Saturday 11th  | Maura & Michael Chapman, Greenville | 10.30am |
|  Robert McElligott, Convent Street /Sinead Collins nee Curtin & Hannah Curtin nee Barry, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Celica Doyle, Lartigue Village & Deceased Family / Martin Whelan, Finuge / Brid Costello, Ballybunion Rd. / Anne Mulvihill, Coolaclarig / John Doyle, Clounmacon | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday12th | Claire O Donnell, Charles St. Birthday &  Anniversary Remembrance  | 9.00am |
| Noreen McGrath, Cahirdown /Josephine & James Allen, Killocrim  | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 5th Feb***. ***Fr. McNamara 0874044816*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** John & Julia Stack, Killocrim / John Carrig, Tarbert / Bridie Flavin, Knockane / Marian Lynch, O’Connell’s Ave. / Timmy Canty of O'Connell's Ave.

**RECENT DEATHS Michael Mooney,** Clounmacon.

**Ralph Toomey,** Dirha Cottages.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will be held **this** weekend at the Saturday Vigil 6.15pm. 4th February.

**LEGION OF MARY** next meet on Wednesday 8th Feb. at 8pm. in the Adoration Room. New members always welcome.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**: for all our Confirmation candidates of our Parish, their parents, teachers and sponsors taking place on Thursday night next (Feb. 9th ) at 8.00 p.m. in the Church. Elma Walsh, Tralee (mother of the late Donal Walsh) will be the guest speaker. All are welcome!

**LOURDES HELPERS ANNUAL CHURCH COLLECTION** which will support the many young helpers travelling to Lourdes next September takes place at all Masses next weekend 11th & 12th February after Holy Communion. This fund also assists some pilgrims that may not be able to afford to pay their full fare. Many Thanks.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** on Saturday next Feb 11th - Feast Day of our Lady of Lourdes – Special prayers for the Sick will be offered at our 10.30 a.m. Mass. The Sacrament of the Sick and Anointing will be given to those who feel that they are in need of healing or request it as part of our Mass for the Sick.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Reminder that it takes place every Tuesday & Wednesday at Adoration Chapel from after the 10.30 a.m. Mass to 8.00 p.m.

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME** for our First Holy Communion children and their parents will take place next weekend at the Vigil Mass on Saturday night next (11th Feb. ) at 6.15p.m. Parents for the co-ordinate group for February will meet on Thursday 9th at 6pm. in the Presbytery.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Listowel Parish Evening Retreat: Wed. 15th Feb. 7.00pm to 9.30pm. Reflection Day with Bishop Brendan Comiskey: Sat. 18th Feb. (open to all) 10.00am-5.00pm and Sun. 19th Feb. 10.00am-5.00pm (for those in recovery, family & friends). Evening for All Eucharist Ministers within the Kerry Diocese by Bishop Emeritus Bill Murphy, Tues. 21st Feb. 7.pm. contact: 066 713 4276

**SPRING DAYS AT GLENSTAL;** 'Benedict 101' - *How according to St Benedict can we run with the unspeakable joy of love in our lives today* - Saturday 11th Feb. 'Ageing Well' - *As we live longer, can we age well* - Saturday 4th March.

Information at +353.61.621000 Email:events@glenstal.com

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PRIEST?** “Come and See” - a Vocations Event will take place on 17th and 18th February in the Pallottine House in Thurles. This event is open to men from the ages of 18 to 40. Gathering at 6.00 pm and finishing Saturday afternoon advance booking is required. Contact Fr Michael Moynihan at 087 6551902 or Fr Liam Comer 087 2401246 for more details.

**INTERESTING STATISTICS FROM OUR PARISH**

**FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS**

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| **Year** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** |
| **Baptisms** | 84 | 69 | 72 | 70 | 69 |
| **Confirmation** | 83 | 88 | 64 | 81 | 75 |
| **Marriages** | 19 | 14 | 10 | 17 | 16 |
| **Funerals** | 52 | 71 | 64 | 71 | 48 |

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ST BRIGID'S CROSSES**  for sale in the Parish Office, €5 each made by local ladies. All proceeds will go to Listowel Hospice.

**THE LIFE INSTITUTE** are hosting a pro-life meeting in Kerry on Saturday 11 February in the Killarney Plaza Hotel at 3.30pm. The meeting is to discuss the ongoing debate about the 8th Amendment, and a pro-life response.

**ARAS MHUIRE NURSING HOME** **BLACK TIE BALL** on the 11th Feb. in the Listowel Arms hotel. Tickets are €100 and are available from John B Keanes Pub and Áras Mhuire Nursing Home, 068 21470. 50% of proceeds will go to Acquired Brain and Spinal injury services at Aras Mhuire Nursing Home.

**LISTOWEL TIDY TOWNS A.G.M.** Tuesday next 7th February at 8pm. in St. Patrick’s Hall.

**KERRY SAMARITANS are recruiting new volunteers**. Information times Sunday 5th Feb. at 3pm. / Monday 6th Feb. at 7.30pm. at 43/44 Moyderwell, Tralee, enquires tel: 0879158779.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS COFFEE MORNING:**

The annual St Valentine's Day Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday next, February 11th at Tomáisín's, Lisselton. Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm. Your support will be much appreciated. All funds raised by the Listowel/North Kerry branch of MS are used locally.

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

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** Taking a class can help you understand your tablet, learn how it works and how to make it more productive and more fun for you. Brush up your skills and learn new tricks and shortcuts and more. Participants must bring their own tablets, This four-week six-hour course will feature basic tablet navigation, how to connect to WI-FI networks, how to use the internet on tablets and how to download and manage apps. Further details from (068 23584).

**ANAM CARA,** the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 14th of February from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 13th February or call 01 4045378.

**WORKSHOP FOR PARISH CANTORS** A workshop for parish cantors will take place on Tuesday, 21st March 2017 at 7:30 – 10.00pm in John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Rock Road, Killarney. The purpose of this workshop is to provide support and resources for all who lead congregational singing. The facilitators will be Tomás Kenny and Ailish O’ Connor. **For more information and booking contact Tomás Kenny on tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie or (086) 3683778.**

**POPE FRANCIS INVITES US TO CELEBRATE ST. VALENTINE’S DAY!** In his document on The Joy of Love (*Amoris Laetitia*), Pope Francis refers directly to Saint Valentine’s Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life. This is why, as part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, we invite you to mark this St. Valentine’s Day in a special way.