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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**12th 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 11th – 19th February**

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| Saturday11th  | 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 /Noreen McGrath, Cahirdown  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 12th  | Claire O Donnell, Charles St. Birthday &  Anniversary Remembrance | 9.00am |
| **Funeral – Betty Ann Carroll** | 12.00pm |
| Mon 13th  | Mons. Timothy Harnett, Smerla Bridge & California / William Harnett, Church St. /Teresa (Mackey) Sheehan, Church St. | 10.30am |
| Tues 14th  | Brian, Kitty & Garry McMahon & Deceased Family, Church St. /Jerry Nolan Sen. O’Connell’s Ave.  | 10.30am |
| Wed 15th  | Ian McCarthy, Derrindaffe | 10.30am |
| Thurs 16th  | Jack Nolan, Aviation Drive | 10.30am |
|  Fri 17th  |  | 10.30am |
| Saturday 18th  |  | 10.30am |
| Christina Hickey, O’Connell’s Ave. **Months Mind /** Pauline Carey, Cluain Doire, **Months Mind** /Margaret Keane, Bridge Rd**. 1st Anniversary** / Lily Mai Relihan, England, **Recently Dec**./ Peg & John Gunn, O’Connell’s Ave. /Elizabeth Barrett, Golf View, Birthday Rem./ Sarah Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tec. /William McMahon, Gortaglanna, Kilmorna /William Gorman, Knockane & Eileen Brosnan, America /Bridget, Nora & William Brosnan, Behins | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday19th | Ellen, Nell, Mollie, Hannah & Maire Enright & Deceased Family, Ballahadigue | 9.00am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 12th Feb***. ***Fr. Spring 0872935969*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS** **Michael Daly**, Knockane.

**Betty Ann Carroll,** William St.

**Nail McAvoy,** Bristol, England late of Inch & Ballygologue Rd. funeral to take place in Bristol.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Bridget Walsh, Convent St. & Greenville / Mary & Mossie Enright, St. Mary’s, Dromerin.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**LOURDES HELPERS ANNUAL CHURCH COLLECTION** will take place this weekend after Holy Communion. This fund supports the many young helpers travelling to Lourdes with Diocese next September and also assists some pilgrims that may not be able to afford to pay their full fare. Thanks.

**MEDJOGRE PRAYER GROUP** will meet on Monday 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** ***Listowel Parish Evening Retreat:*** Wednesday next 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:*** We invite all our ***Eucharistic Ministers of Listowel Parish*** *and all in the Kerry Diocese to an* ***evening of Reflection in Ardfert Retreat Centre given by Bishop Emeritus Bill Murphy,*** on **Tuesday week 21st Feb. at 7.00 pm**. Contact: 066 713 4276

**NEW PARISH BOXES FOR 2017**: are now due for renewal beginning on March 5th. **Denise** (*Parish Secretary)* will be at the back of the Church at all masses next weekend with your new boxes for 2017 to be picked up after mass. **You need your box number as they are organised in numerical order.** You can also collect them in the **Parish Office**. We encourage and invite as many as possible to use the Parish Envelope System because the Parish can benefit from the tax rebate system. **€16,142.00** was raised in **2015.** So please contact the Parish Office if you are not already registered and would be willing to use the system. This year we have included an envelope for the second collections & Trocaire as whatever contribution you make can be recorded and if the total surpasses the sum of €**250.00** and you are paying tax the Parish can claim the tax rebate. *Thanks for your co-operation*.

**WOULD YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY BE INTERESTED IN THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?** Over the past few years many diocese in Ireland have introduced the Permanent Diaconate who work with the priests of their Parish and Pastoral Area. At present there are about 50 deacons and two of those are here in Kerry with three more in formation. Bishop Ray is very anxious that as a Diocese we would have more. Accordingly, we are inviting interested men and members of their families (*wives or children*) who might be interested to come to an **Information Evening at Listowel Parish Meeting Room on Wednesday 22nd, February 2017 at 8.00 p.m**. Fr. Eoin Mangan, Director of Kerry Diocesan Diaconate Programme and one of our permanent Deacons (Rev. Conor Bradley, Milltown) will be present. More info on Permanent Diaconate on Diocesan Web Site [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) If interested please inform Denise (Listowel Parish Office) at 068-21188.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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.

**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.**

**HELLO BRAIN,** Learn how simple lifestyle changes can boost your brain health and reduce your risk of developing dementia Prof Sabina Brennan, Trinity College Dublin, will explain how scientific research is showing that modifiable factors can promote brain health and protect against dementia. So come to Lyreacrompane Resource Centre on Tuesday, 21st February to learn more about healthy brain “must be in your seat by 7.15pm limited seats” .

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

**ARE YOU A GRIEVING PARENT?** 1 Day retreat Saturday 4th March 10am. to 5pm. in Ardfert Retreat Centre. Contact Caroline Dunne at CarolineEmmausCompassion@gmail.com

**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

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

**OCCUPATIONAL FIRST AID COURSE** is being offered at Listowel Family Resource Centre For further details contact: Bridie 068-23584

**WELL-BEING FOR MEN** Eight Week Course Start Date – TBD Topics to be discussed are:    Listening and communicating, Managing stress, Being assertive, Handling feelings, Handling criticism and praise, Dealing with conflict Building self-confidence, Making good decisions, Setting goals. A weekly €2.00 contribution will be required.

Contact Toni Clarke for a place on 068 – 23584

**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),