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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**26th 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 FEB. 25th – 5th MARCH**

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| Saturday25th  | Michael Mooney, Clounmacon, **Months Mind /**Kevin Lucey, Knockroe Dr. & Charles St. /Patrick & Ellen Lyons, Clieveragh /Kathleen Heffernan, Clieveragh &Mary Sheehan, Hawthorn Drive /Tom & Nellie O Donnell, Mary Moran, Sarah Bambury, Ballylongford /John Behan, Bunaghara /Dan O Sullivan, Skehenerin /Miriam Carey & Dec. Family, Convent St.  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 26th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| **Funeral Mass** of Eoin Kenny, Ballinruddery | 12.00pm |
| Mon 27th  | Ted Keane, Slievecahill /John L Sullivan Ennismore & London, **Months Mind**  | 10.30am |
| Tues 28th  | Bridget James, O’Connell’s Ave. /Bridie Leahy, Ballygologue Rd. /Wulf Sobieralski, Ballygologue Pk. & Germany | 10.30am |
| **Ash****Wed 1st**  | Elaine & Jerry McGuire, The Square  | 10.30am |
| ***People of the Parish***  | 1.10pm |
| Patrick Guerin, Ballahadigue  | **7.00pm**  |
| Thurs 2nd  | Dr. Louis O’Carroll, Cahirdown | 10.30am |
|  Fri 3rd  | Daniel & Catherine Flaherty, Red Cottages. Cahirdown | 10.30am |
| **St. Padre Pio & 1st Friday Evening Mass** | **7.00pm**  |
| Saturday 4th  | Ned McGrath, Woodford & Writers Grove, Birthday Remembrance  | 10.30am |
| Nora & Gene Moriarty, Charles St. /Martin Fitzmaurice, John B Keane Grove /Nora & Patrick Carmody, Skehenerin /Kathleen Whelan, Finuge /Cornelius, Elizabeth, Sr. Pius & John Paul O’Farrell, Church St. /Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday5th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Mons. Dan Hannon, Greenville | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 26th Feb***. ***Fr. Martin Hegarty 0872589682*** *(emergencies only).*

**RECENT DEATHS : Michael Lynch,** O’Connell’s Ave**.**

**Anne Keane nee Brennan,** Gortacrissane & London.

**Eoin Kenny**, Ballinruddery.

**Maire Gibbons nee McLoughlin,** late of Listowel died Ballina, Mayo

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Ned White, Bedford / Mary Wixted, Murroe Co. Limerick and Listowel

**PARISH NOTICES**

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

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday next – **March 1st is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at three Masses - **10.30am morning Mass & 1.10pm. Lunch time & at 7.00pm evening Mass.**

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND** will take place as usual on Wednesday & Thursday next with Canon Declan. Parish Office will contact the regulars on list and should anybody new wish a visit contact the Parish Office.

**FIRST FRIDAY & PADRE PIO NIGHT:** Friday next (March 3rd). Usual masses at 10.30am which will be followed by a ‘*Cuppa*’ in the meeting room The evening Mass will be the Padre Pio Evening Mass beginning with the Rosary at 6.45 p.m. Evening Mass at 7pm. followed by the Padre Pio prayers & Benediction.

**CONFESSIONS**: Usual confessions on Thursday and Saturday morning after the 10.30 a.m. mass.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** The children's liturgy will be held on next Saturday’s vigil Mass only.

**A MEETING OF THE LITURGY GROUPS OF OUR PASTORAL AREA** will take place on Thursday next, March 2nd in St. Patrick’s Hall @ 8 pm. Parking at the rear. All members are asked to attend. Thanks

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE BOXES**: are available at the back of the church. Please collect your envelope which contains all the info on this year’s campaign. All your Lenten offering which help the poorest of the poor in the Third World can be returned to the church during Holy Week.

**MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA** (*White Fathers*). Bishop Ray gives permission to one Missionary to speak at masses within the Diocese each year to make a Mission Appeal. And it will be our turn in Listowel next weekend 4th & 5th March. Fr. John O’Donoghue will speak at each of our masses next weekend and will take up a retiring collection for their missions at the end of mass. Thanks.

**LEGION OF MARY**meet every Wednesday at 8pm. in the Parish Meeting Room. *New members always welcome.*

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** Friday next, March 3rd at 8.00 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: will take place after the 10.30am starting on Friday, March 10th This is just a small way that we can focus on the meaning of Lent culminating the Holy Week ceremonies in preparation for Easter.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE (0667134276)** Naomh Breanainn Pastoral Area Lenten Talk: Wholeness in Christ – Relaxing the Mind, Renewing the Heart’. Speaker: Martina Lehane Sheehan, psychotherapist and director of Ennismore Retreat Centre, Cork, Thursday 2nd March, at 8.00-9.30pm.

One-Day Parental Grief Retreat: A spiritual retreat for parents who have experienced the death of a child of any age, by any means, no matter how long ago. Facilitated by Caroline Dunne, Sat. 4th March, 10:00 am- 5:00 pm. Call 066 71 25129 or [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) to register. The Faith Prayed: Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed. 8th Mar 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

**PARISH BOXES 2017**: Many thanks to all who picked up their parish boxes last weekend at our Masses and also to all who called into the Parish Office. There are still a few more waiting to be collected, so we would ask you to drop into the Parish Office and pick up your box during the week. We would also strongly encourage as many as possible of our parishioners to use the Parish envelope system, so if you are not already registered, give a call to **Denise** (Parish Secretary) and she will look after you. Thanks on behalf of Parish Finance Council

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL DRAMA GROUP: presents ‘Bookworms’ by Bernard Farrell – a hilarious comedy – at St. John’s Theatre for 6 nights from Thursday March 2nd to Tuesday, March 7th at 8.00 p.m. A show not to be missed.**

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

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY will host a story time afternoon on Saturday March 4th at 2.30 PM. This is a free event suitable for ages 1-6. All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**RALLY FOR LIFE** Dublin 1st July 2017. [www.rallyfor](http://www.rallyfor) life.net Ph: 018730465 or facebook:@Allirelandrallyforlife

**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

**LISSELTON BARDIC SCHOOL:** Inspired by the fine article penned by Tony O’Shea (Affoulia and Dublin) in this year’s Ballydonoghue Parish Magazine, a group of locals are actively pursuing a plan to resurrect The Lisselton Bardic School in the form of an annual weekend festival of music, poetry and song.  A meeting to gauge the level of interest and support for such a venture will be held in omáisín’s, Lisselton, on Wednesday next, March 1st at 9.00pm.  Musicians, poets, singers and writers and anyone in the area who enjoys a bit of culture and *craic* are all invited to attend and contribute their ideas.  For further info ahead of the meeting, please contact 086 8451263/087 6257705.

**SEAN KEATING LECTURE** A lecture entitled 'Sean Keating and the fine art of nation building' will be presented by Dr Eimear O'Connor, Art Historian and Author, TCD, in Tralee Library on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 7.30pm. Admission free. Organised by Kerry Archeological and Historical Society.

**FUNDRAISING DANCE IN AID OF KERRY/CORK HEALTH LINK BUS**,Sun March 5th @ River Island Hotel,C/island 2- 6 pm Cost €10. Contact 086 3273908.

**BALLYLONGFORD GROUP ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS** Open Public Meeting on Ash Wednesday, March 1st in the Parish Hall, Ballylongford, 8.30pm. All welcome (Al-Anon participation).

**THE 21ST PIONEER NATIONAL BALL** takes place on Sat 8th April 2017, in the Sheraton Athlone Hotel, after 6.30pm Mass in St. Mary’s Church, Athlone. Tickets €30. Guest Speaker: Jim Bolger. Music by Nite Fever. For tickets/information - contact Brenda Lynch 087-6189411 or Dermot Fagan 085-7201646.

 There's more information on our facebook page: [Leinster Pioneer Association](https://www.facebook.com/leinsterpioneers/) and we can be contacted at the above numbers.

**NOTICE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS AND ADULTS CONSIDERING UPSKILLING OR CHANGING CAREER**: Kerry College of Further Education (under Kerry ETB) based in Clash, Tralee will hold two events of interest to school leavers and adult learners: Information Evening for Parents of School Leavers Wednesday 1st March. Choose from 5.30pm session or the 7pm session. Learn about how PLC courses can lead to employment and how PLC's can be used as an alternative access route into Institutes of Technology and Universities. Open Day on Thursday 2nd March from 10am-7pm. School leavers and potential adult learners welcome.

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