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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

**5th March 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 MARCH**

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| Saturday4th  | 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 /Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /John Martin Ashe, Church St. /Timothy O Flaherty, Newcastlewest & Athea | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 5th  | Mona Connell, Ballygologue /Richard Stokes, Listowel & Mullingar, Birthday Remembrance | 9.00am |
| Mons. Dan Hannon, Greenville | 12.00pm |
| Mon 6th  | Thomas & Jack O’Connor & Mary Kelly, Shrone | 10.30am |
| Tues 7th  | Betty Ann Carroll, William St. **Months Mind** | 10.30am |
| Wed 8th  | Michael Stacky O Connor, Convent St. /Tony & Anne Hartnett, Killocrim | 10.30am |
| Thurs 9th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 10.30am |
|  Fri 10th  | Noel Woods, London | 10.30am |
| Saturday 11th  |  | 10.30am |
| Helen Nagle nee O Connor, Skehenerin /Joe Hilliard, Cahirdown /Michael O Mahony, Woodford & Deceased Family Members / Pat Hartnett, Coolagown/Dick & Mary Pierse, Market St. /John & Nora O Donoghue, Catherine Moore nee O Donoghue & Mary O’Donoghue, Ballygologue Pk & Australia  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday12th | Michael & Bridget O’Carroll, Clieveragh /John Scannell, Dromin /Collette Mahony, London | 9.00am |
| Peter & Annie Heaphy, O’Connell’s Ave. /Josephine & James Allen, Killocrim /John Enright, Feale Dr. / Patrick & Josie Kenny & Mary O Brien, Church St.  | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 5th March***. ***Fr. Declan O Connor 0870908949*** *(emergencies only).*

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Con, Nancy & John Keane, Church St. / Donal Doyle, Dromin & Mary Conway Brookes Dromin & Coventry, England.

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

**PARISH NOTICES**

**MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA** (*White Fathers*). This weekend we welcome Fr. John O’Donoghue who will be making a Missionary appeal at each of our masses. Bishop Ray gives permission to one Missionary each year to speak at masses within the Diocese. And it our turn in Listowel this weekend. Fr. John is appreciative of any offering that you give him on your way out of mass.

**EUCHARIST ADORATION**  A meeting will take place this Monday 6th March at 7pm. in the parish meeting room. To discuss the upcoming 24 Hour Reconciliation & Adoration with the Friars of Moyross on the 24th & 25th March. Everyone welcome to attend the meeting.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK** Tuesday next 7th of March, An Gael Scoil at 1.15 & Thursday night 9th March Killocrim at 8pm.

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: will take place after the 10.30am on Friday morning next, 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.

**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.

**FATIMA FR MICHAEL MAHER** will give a talk on Fatima, power of Rosary, the importance of Family, and also explains the importance of the FATIMA message on this the Centenary year of the Apparitions. Come to ABBEYFEALE Church on this Monday 6th March. Beginning with MASS at 7.00 p.m. ...ROSARY @ 7.30pm ....TALK @7.45pm

**THE ANNUAL CONSECRATION TO OUR BLESSED LADY** (Legion of Mary Acies), will be held on Sunday 12th March at 3 p.m in the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney. The Ceremony includes Rosary, Consecration, Benediction and evening prayer. Everyone is very welcome.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR EMIGRANT SERVICES** will be taken up as a second collection after Holy Communion at all Masses next weekend 11th and 12th March.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSSION SERCICE blood donor clinic will take place Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th March 5pm to 8pm each evening in the Listowel Arms Hotel.**

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP are hosting their Tea Dance on Sunday March 5th 2.30pm. to 5.30pm. in the Listowel Arms Hotel. Tea served admission €5.00**

**LISTOWEL DRAMA GROUP: continues nightly with ‘Bookworms’ – a hilarious comedy – at St. John’s Theatre until Tuesday night at 8.00 p.m.**

**KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS PRE-CHELTENHAM NIGHT on this Sunday night 5th March at 8.30pm. in Christy’s The Well.**

**LISTOWEL & NORTH KERRY ALZHEIMER RESPITE CARE** wishes to thank everyone who support their Church Gate Collection last weekend amount raised was €1,310.95.

**NORTH KERRY COMMUNITY ALERT Would like to thank everyone who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. This money provided free monitors to people aged 55 and over living on their own. It provide a sense of security. The amount collected was €1,060.00. Thank you.**

**DANCE CLASSES** every Monday night, classes include waltzing, jive, quick step etc. starting at 7.30pm. at Listowel Emmets GAA Club House. For more information contact on 0872817972.

**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.

**DAFFODIL DAY IS FRIDAY, MARCH 24th 2017** and we are calling upon the people of Listowel to get involved by volunteering their time. If you are interested in helping out, please text your name to Noreen at 087 1946936. Funds raised from our Daffodil Day campaign support life-saving cancer research and support and care for people affected by cancer. Many Thanks.

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

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

**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.

 **ANAM CARA,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 14th of March from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven, 5 Haigs 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.

**MIC** is delighted to announce that the **Annual MA in Education & Wellbeing of the Older Person** **Free Public Lecture Series** will take place on Friday 3rd and 10th of March from 6.30pm-9pm in T204, Tara Building, MIC. According to **Liz Early, MA in Education and Well-being of the Older Person programme co-ordinator;** “These lectures are a must for all those interested in issues affecting older people in society today.’ **All Talks are free to attend but pre-booking is required.** **For more information and to book Email:** **liz.early@mic.ul.ie**