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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**12th 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](mailto: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 MARCH**

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| Saturday  11th | 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** |
| Sunday  12th | Michael & Bridget O’Carroll, Clieveragh /  John Scannell, Dromin /  Collette Mahony, London /  Pat & Kitt Dowling, Bridge Road | 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 |
| Mon 13th | Micheál O Sullivan, Clieveragh Downs, **Birthday Remembrance** | 10.30am |
| Tues 14th | Mary & Michael Halpin Ballygologue Pk, &  Ian McCarthy, Derrindaffe Duagh | 10.30am |
| Wed 15th | John, Mary & Tom Dillon, Knockanassig | 10.30am |
| Thurs 16th | Deceased Members of the Morris & O’Neill Families, | 10.30am |
| Paddy Curtin, Dromin & Manchester,  **Recently Deceased** | 6.15pm |
| Fri 17th  ***St Patricks***  ***Day*** | Lá le Pádraig | 9.00am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | 12noon |
| Saturday  18th | Nora Sheehy, Bedford / Special Intention /  Elizabeth (Betty) Sullivan nee Hanlon, Australia & O’Connell’s Ave. **Recently Deceased** | 10.30am |
| Michael Daly, Knockane, **Months Mind** /  Eoin Kenny Ballinruddery, **Months Mind** /  Elsie Collins, Ballygologue & Gortacrissane / Mairead & Michael Lyons, Willie & Annie Lyons & Deceased Family, Derry /  Peggy Dore, Lartigue Village &  Gee Dore, Charles St. / Noreen O connor, Bunagara & London / Paddy & Jane Barry & Deceased family, Dirha Cottages / Anthony Greaney, Ballygologue Pk. /Fr. Gearóid Donnchadha, Birthday Rem. / Deceased Members of the Lynch Family, The Square | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
| Sunday  19th | Peter Doyle, Birthday Remembrance &  Joe Stack, Tanavalla | 9.00am |
| Michael Lynch, O’Connell’s Ave. **Months Mind**  Kitty & Danny Broderick, Gortcreen /  Bridie Collins, Hawthorn Drive /  Paddy & Eileen McElligott &  Jack & Nora McElligott, Coolaclarig /  Michael & Mary Buckley, Finuge | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 12th March***. ***Fr. Maurice Brick 0879473317*** *(emergencies only).*

**DEATH NOTICE Den Joe Hannon,** Clieveragh.

**Doney McSweeney,** France late of Church St.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Bridget & John Flaherty, Charles St. / Dan Joe Leahy, Shrone / Tony McAuliffe, Charles St. / Mary & Catherine O Sullivan, Gortnaminch / Patrick Lane, Coolnaleen.

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

**PARISH NOTICES**

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR EMIGRANT SERVICES** will be taken up at all masses throughout the Diocese this weekend. This helps our emigrant services in place such as England, Europe & USA. It will take place immediately after Holy Communion. Thank you.

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

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP** will meet this Tues. 14th Mar at 8pm. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

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

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PROGRAMME** for our First Holy Communion children and their parents for March will take place next weekend at the Vigil Mass on Saturday night (18th March ) at 6.15p.m. Parents for the co-ordinate group for March will meet on Wednesday 15th at 6pm. in the Presbytery. Please note date and time.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY**: is Friday next - our National Feast Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are the same as Sunday. Vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 6.15 p.m. and on Friday at 9.00 a.m. & 12.00 noon. There will be a flavour of Gaeilge and our Irish culture at all our masses with the Parish Folk Group and the Parish Choir. Thanks to our local Coiste Glór na nGael for their help with the liturgy of the masses.

**MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (WHITE FATHERS):** say ‘***Míle Buíochas*** ‘ Fr. John O’Donoghue sent a nice letter to express his ‘thanks’ and appreciation to the Catholic Community of the Listowel Area for their very generous response to his Missionary Appeal last weekend. In total **€3,310.00** was donated. This was fantastic. He also wishes to thank our collectors who were so willing to help at all masses. Well done to everyone and thank you for your generosity.

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Led by Bishop Ray Browne, September 2nd to 7th 2017, ex Kerry Airport. Pilgrimage coordinator: Janice O Sullivan, 064-7758219. €770.

**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.

**LISTOWEL PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday next - St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING** Friday 17th March from 10am. – 2pm. at Nora Mulvihill’s House, 31 Church Street. Please come along and support this worthy cause.

**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.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY ANNUAL PARADE** organised by Glór na nGael, will start at 12.30pm. You are requested **to keep the Square free of cars from 11.30am. to 2.30pm.** especially the area in front of the reviewing platform between St. John’s and the Bank of Ireland. Motorists are advised by the Gardaí to avoid driving through the Town between 12pm. & 2pm. as there may be delays due to the Parade. Alternative routes will be signposted. Thank you for your co-operation

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

**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.

**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.

**LENTEN JUSTICE TALK:** When Compassion Leads to Change On **Monday, March 13th in St. John’s Church**, Castle St., Tralee, **Richard Moore** from Children in Crossfire will speak on his experience of healing, forgiveness and the transforming power of compassion. This event, starting at **7.30pm**, is being hosted by St. John’s parish and the Diocese of Kerry’s Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation committee. **Entrance is free and all are welcome.** For more details please visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**ALZHEIMER'S CARERS SUPPORT GROUP** The monthly meeting of the Alzheimer's Carers Support Group takes place at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Tuesday March 14 at 12.30pm.

**NEW TOASTMASTER CLUB IN LISTOWEL:**  If you would like to gain self confidence, self esteem and improve your ability to speak in public then you should check out the newest public speaking club in North Kerry.  The next meeting will be held in the Listowel Arms Hotel on Thursday, March 16 from 8 -10pm.  There will be a green  theme to this night as it is the night  before St. Patrick's Day.  Admission €5 which covers cost of refreshments and rent of the room.  Further information from Gerard Mannix on [087 2193670](tel:087%202193670).

**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.

**COMMUNITY BIODIVERSITY SESSIONS**. On Tuesday next, March 14th at 7pm in St Patrick's Hall, Niamh ni dhuill of Transition Kerry, will facilitate  the first of three Community Biodiversity Sessions. This event is funded by the Kerry Education & Training Board and hosted by Listowel Tidy Towns Group. These sessions will deal primarily with all aspects of planting which will help to encourage  Bees & Butterflies (which are dangerously in decline!) back to our green areas.  All interested members of the community are invited along to these sessions. So hopefully we will see you there!

**SHEP INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT** is a 20 hour course for adults run over 8 weeks (2 ½ hours per week) offered by SHEP in Tralee.

This course offers people a place to build their self-confidence and to discover more about themselves and their ways of relating with people in a safe, friendly and enjoyable environment. Up to 16 people will be in the group which will be facilitated by two trained facilitators with experience in creating a supportive atmosphere and in helping personal learning. The course is open to people from all walks of life. No prior qualifications are needed, just a willingness to be personally involved and to interact with others. **Start Date:** Monday 20th March **Time:** 7pm – 9.30pm. **Venue:** Recovery Haven Tralee (Kindly made available by Recovery Haven) **Cost:** **€50.**Reduced rate **€25** if in financial difficulty.

For more information or to book a place call **Deirdre on 087-7728089.**

**MANUAL HANDLING COURSE** for further details on either manual handling held at the Listowel Family Resource Centre  on April 18 or Health and Safety on April 28 contact Toni Clarke on 068 23584.

**WELL-BEING FOR MEN COURSE** names are currently being taken for this well-being for men course to commence on Friday March 24 from 10-12.30pm. Further details from Toni on (068 23584).