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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**26th 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 25th – 2nd April**

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| Saturday  25th | Margaret & Denis McElligott & Deceased Family, Bedford /  Betty & Thady Hickey, Clouncagh /  Angela Connor, O’Connell’s Ave. /  Phyllis Diggin Treacy, Main St. Ballybunion / Denis O Shea, Bridge Rd. /  Deceased Members of the Grogan Family, Charles St. /  Hannah Linnane, Gortacrissane | **Vigil**  **6.15pm** |
| Sunday  26th | Richard Stokes, Mullingar & Listowel &  Elizabeth Stokes, Dublin & Mullingar | 9.00am |
| James & Catherine O Sullivan, Gortnaminch  / Liam & Frances Woulfe, Horseshoe Bar  / Mairead O Connor, Market St | 12.00pm |
| Mon 27th | Mary Dowling, Woodford Lodge | 10.30am |
| Tues 28th | Maire Farrell O’Connor, Ballylongford,  **1st Anniversary** | 10.30am |
| Wed 29th | Elizabeth Kelly & Deceased Members of the Kelly & Kelliher Families, O’Connell’s Ave. | 10.30am |
| Thurs 30th | Exam Intention | 10.30am |
| Fri 31st | Mary (Mai) Slowey nee Kelly, Listowel & London ***stations of the cross*** | 10.30am |
| Saturday  1st |  | 10.30am |
| Den Joe Hannon, Clieveragh, **Months Mind** / Anthony Curtin, Dromin /  Lillian Curtin, Coolaclarig /  Betty Gormaly, St. Brendan’s Tec. /  Kathleen, Eddie, Maryanne & Mossie Hartnett, Gortnaminch | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
| Sunday  2nd | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Kathleen Sullivan, Derryfarm, Derry | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 26th March***. ***Fr. Padraig Kennelly 0872935969.*** *(emergencies only).*

**RECENT DEATH Mary Sugrue nee Bolster,** Valentia Island late of Bridge Road, Listowel.

**Paula Kavanagh nee Carmody** Kilkenny late of Derry House, Listowel.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Fr. Cathaldus O’Sullivan, Waterford & Tullamore / Patrick & Michael O’Shaughnessy, William St. / Molly Lynch, Killocrim / Peter Hobbs, Eastbourne, England / Paul Kirby, Charles St. /

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

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**LENTEN 24 ADORATION:** Our sincere thanks to all who attended our 24 Hour of Adoration here in Listowel over the past 24 Hours. A special thanks to the Friars of Moyross who are concluding this special time of prayer in our Pastoral Area at the Vigil Mass on this Saturday evening. Well done all!

**PARISH BAPTISM TEAM** A short meeting of our Baptism Team will meet on this Tuesday night ( 28th March) at 8pm. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS FOR SCOIL REALTA NA MAIDNE**: with boys of second class will take place on Thursday night next (March 30th ) in Hospital Chapel at 8.00 p.m.

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018** will be taken up next weekend at all Masses after Communion

**WATER LEAK:** A major underground leak from the mains water supply was discovered in the grounds of the Church yard this past week. It was discovered having received an enormous bill for the last quarter. Well done and thanks to all who responded so promptly to get it fixed so quickly.

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR PERMANENT DIACONATE: The Diocese of Kerry are currently recruiting candidates to begin a ‘come & see’ programme beginning in September. Information on the permanent diaconate can be found on the Diocesan Web Site at [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) Any interested candidates should establish contact via a local priest or the Diocesan Office 064-6631168 as soon as possible.

**YOUTH 2000 RETREAT KILLARNEY** Youth 2000 will be hosting a Catholic youth retreat in St. Brendan's College, Killarney,  on 7-9th April. The weekend will consist of a programme for Youth(aged 16-35yrs) with masses, talks, music, games etc. Residential - bring a sleeping bag! It is a donation event. More information 086-3066892 or check  [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie/" \t "_blank) or Facebook page

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA** 10th – 17th May 2017.  Led By Bishop Ray Browne.  Centenary Of The Fatima Apparitions.  Limited Availability.  Contact: Maureen Harty On 066-7131328 Or Premier Travel On 021-4277700.

**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.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**SUMMER TIME IS HERE:** Please put your Clocks forward one hour on this Saturday night (March 25th )

**NORTH KERRY BEREAVEMENT GROUP** Hold their monthly meeting at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Wednesday. March 29 at 8pm.

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY ACTION ON ALCOHOL**  Cordially invite adults and parents (18+) in the community of Listowel to the launch of the Local Action Plan at Listowel Community Centre on Wed. 5th April at 7pm.  The launch will coincide with a performance of the play - Billy's Choice focusing on choices adults make around alcohol and how this influences young people to drink.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OPEN MEETING** on the theme of "NEW HOPE " for any members of the public who may want to find out more about the work of Alcoholics Anonymous. The open meeting will be take place  Knockanure Community Centre on Tuesday 28th March at 8.30pm , School House Lane, Knockanure, refreshments will be served after the meeting. All are welcome, there will be speakers from Alcoholics Anonymous, and Al-Anon.

**LISTOWEL TIDY TOWNS GROUP**  invite you to the launch of their campaign to become ***'Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2017'***.

in the Lartigue Monorail Museum, John B. Keane Rd on Thursday next (March 30th ) at 7 30pm.The special guest,  Michael O Muircheartaigh. All are welcome!

***HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!***

***WE wish all our Mums***

***every blessing this weekend***

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

**Lecture: 'Black '47 in Kerry'**  A lecture entitled 'Black '47 in Kerry' will be presented by Dr Shane Lehane, Historian and Author, in Killarney Library on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Organised by Kerry