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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**2nd April 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 1st – 9th April**

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| Saturday1st  | Den Joe Hannon, Clieveragh, **Months Mind** / Anthony Curtin, Dromin /Lillian Curtin, Coolaclarig / Betty Gormaly, St. Brendan’s Tec. /Kathleen, Eddie, Maryanne & Mossie Hartnett, Gortnaminch / Nora, Martin & Pauline Carey, Toornageehy / Henrietta Dillon, Behins  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday 2nd  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Kathleen Sullivan, Derryfarm, Derry | 12.00pm |
| Mon 3rd  | Ted Keane, Slievecahill, Birthday Rem. | 10.30am |
| Tues 4th  | Mai Mahony, England / David Sweeney, O’Connell’s Ave. Birthday Remembrance | 10.30am |
| Wed 5th  | Exam Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 6th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
|  Fri 7th  | Special Intention  ***stations of the cross*** after Mass | 10.30am |
| ***St. Padre Pio Evening Mass & 1st Friday*** | **7.00pm** |
| Saturday 8th  | Con (Nelius) Galvin, Clieveragh, **1st Anniversary** / Michael O Gorman, Clieveragh, **1st Anniversary /** Hannah & Ned O’Neill, Bridge Rd & Tracey & Sue O’Neill & Nora & Jack Foley, London  | 10.30am |
| Darin, Jason, Chloe & Joe O Connor, Tarbert / Eileen Galvin, Dirha West /Tom Sommers, Billerough & Gurtinard /Kevin & Jackie Sheehy & Gegs Sheehy, Greenville, Woodlawn & Ashfield /Jimmy Junior Moloney, Arizona  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Palm Sunday9th  | Anne Dwyer Sheehan, Ballygrennan  | 9.00am |
| Sheila Ryan, Skehenerin /Tim & Bridie O Flaherty, Church St. /Paula Kavanagh Kilkenny late of Derryhouse, **Recently Deceased**  | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 2nd April***. ***Fr. Noel Spring 0872935969.*** *(emergencies only).*

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** John Sheehy, Clounmacon / Bridie & Pat O’Driscoll, Ballygologue Pk. & Tanavalla / Eileen Relihan, Bedford.

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

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will be held this weekend at our Saturday Vigil Mass 6.15pm. All children are welcome!

**THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES Dublin 2018 THIS WEEKEND**. Now that it has been confirmed that our Holy Father Pope Francis is coming to Ireland - this one-off International events will be very expensive. This collection which is taking place over a three year period gives every parish an opportunity to help with the funding. It will be taken up at all Masses after Communion. Thank you for your generosity

**ADORATION GROUP** will meet on Monday 3rd April at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND** Canon Declan will do his usual calls on Wednesday & Thursday next. The Parish Office will contact the regulars on list and should anybody new wish a visit just give us a call.

**FIRST CONFESSIONS PRESENTATION PRIMARY** Wednesday night next (April 5th) in Hospital Chapel at 8.00 p.m.

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

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

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME**: In preparation of our Holy Thursday night Mass when our First Holy Communion children will be involved the organising parents need to meet Canon Declan at the Presbytery on Thursday evening next (April 6th ) at 6.00 p.m.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**: will meet at the Presbytery on Thursday night next at 8.00 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY & PADRE PIO NIGHT:** Friday next April 7th Usual mass at 10.30am 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.

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet on Friday next 7th April at 8pm. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

**PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY**: is next Sunday blessing of Palms will take place at all of for our masses.

**DIOCESAN CHRISM MASS** where the priests renew their vows and the Holy Oils for the year are blessed will take place on Tuesday evening April 11th at 7.00pm.at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Killarney. There will be refreshments after the Mass in St. Brendan’s College refectory. Everyone is welcome.

**THE PERMANENT DIACONATE ‘*COME AND SEE’* YEAR**

Immediately after Easter the Diocese will begin the process of assessing the applications of those who have expressed an interest in the Permanent Diaconate. If there is anyone interested please the Diocesan Office ASAP at 064-6631168.

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING** will take place on **Monday April 10th** at 7.30pm. in the Parish Meeting Room.

**LISTOWEL PASTORAL AREA HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS - RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** with a number of Priests hearing Confessions will take place on Monday **10th April at 8.00pm**. We invite all to avail of the opportunity to do your Easter duty on this night. *Thanks everybody!*

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**THE CHASTITUTE** By John B Keane, will take place as from this Tuesday, April 4th to Sunday 9th April at 8pm. at St. John’s Theatre 068-22566. *A show not to be missed!*

**ST. PATRICK’S HALL AGM** Tuesday, April 11th at St. Patrick’s Hall. 6pm.

**SAINT JOHN OF GOD KERRY SERVICES** Presents An Evening of Musicals Siamsa Tire Theatre, Tralee Tuesday 4th April 2017

Wednesday 5th April 2017 Tickets available from Siamsa Tire.

**FIBROMYALGIA SUFFERS**  Chatroom on Wednesday 5th April at 8pm, Sharp in St. Patrick’s Hall. All are welcome!

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY ACTION ON ALCOHOL**  invite adults & parents (18+) to the launch of the Local Action Plan at Listowel Community Centre on Wed. 5th April at 7pm.

**EASTER GRANDPARENTS TEA PARTY** to be held at Family Resource Centre on Friday April 7 from 3-5pm. All welcome.

**THE ANNUAL EASTER CAMP** will be held at Listowel Family Resource Centre from Monday 10th - Thursday 13th and Tuesday 18th April-Friday 21st April from 9, 30am-1.30pm. Cost 12 euro per day per child, Contact Pat on (068 23584.

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**: “**Ray of Sunshine Foundation”** Can you spare 12 days out of your busy life to travel to Mombasa, Kenya with a team of volunteers from Ireland in January/February 2018. We are urgently looking for **trade’s people** to help in building a secure home for abused kids. The Ray of Sunshine Foundation is bringing light into the lives of children who have known only darkness. Should you require any further information please contact Tina on: 087 9449569 or come to a meeting in the Meadow Lands Hotel, Tralee between 5 – 6 pm on this Monday April 3rd

**SAFETALK** Learn 4 basic steps to recognise persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them with suicide helping resources. What is safe TALK? It is a ONE DAY suicide alertness programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Who should attend safe TALK? This training is suitable for everyone who wants to help prevent suicide and is prepared to become a suicide alert helper. 6th or 7th April – 10am – 1pm Listowel Family Resource Centre contact Toni on 068-23584.

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE Courses** on manual handling on April 18 or Health and Safety on April 28 contact Toni Clarke on 068 23584.

**ANAM CARA,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 11th of April 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.

**IRISH RED CROSS.** There was will an afternoon tea party on Sunday 7th May in the Grand hotel in Tralee from 3pm to 5pm, light finger food provided and music. Tickets are €5. Booking is essential. Bookings can be made on 087 708 8395.

**KILRUSH CHORAL SOCIETY** in its 13th Production are Presenting, .>> FIDDLER ON THE ROOF<< in Kilrush Communty School on Tuesday 18th April to Saturday 22nd Inclusive @8am Sharp .Concessions on Tuesday and Wednesday Only, Doors Open at 7.30 pm .The Booking Office will Open in Henry Street,Kilrush, [next to Pen to Paper Shop] @  Monday 10th April at 11am.-4pm The Box Office Mobile Contact @ 087 3671548.There will be an Interval Raffle each night of the Show for Wonderful Prizes.

**TIME FOR A NEW CHALLENGE?** Are you interested in becoming a volunteer Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, helping to facilitate pre marriage courses in Killarney?   We are having an OPEN NIGHT on Thursday 20th April at 8 p.m. in our offices in John Paul 11 Pastoral Centre, Rock Road.  Please make contact before hand

by emailing to accordkillarney@eircom.net or phoning the Pastoral Centre at 0646632644.

**YOUNG  ADULTS** Conference-Mary inflames the embers... are you ready? is being held on 22nd April in Ennismore, Cork.

Contact Daniel 0838345441/Barry 0851743570 The Legion of Mary (Kerry) would gladly sponsor some young adults who would like to attend this conference and are not in a financial position to do so.  Contact 0879048659.

**A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** will take place in Cork on the 5th - 7th May 2017. This is a Weekend for good marriages. For more information visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie/)  contact 086-8334382 /087-2162436

**Kerry Group Rás Mumhan 4 Day International Cycle Race 2017** Stage 2 Start in Listowel & Finish in Athea**.. Easter Saturday April 15th** , will start in **Listowel at 11am** and cover a 130km route taking in North Kerry and West Limerick. People are asked to co-operate with the Stewards, Gardai & Race Marshalls, and keep DOGS especially under control.There will be traffic delays also as the race passes through.