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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**7th May 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 6th – 14th May**

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| Saturday6th  | Joe & Edward Scanlon, Bridge Road /Hannah & John O Brien, Cahirdown /Tom Harnett, Smerla Bridge /Jeremiah & Ellen McCarthy, Toor, Duagh /Jack & Mary Jo Corridan, Ballinruddery /John Jackie Moore, Charles St. Birthday rem | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
|  Sunday 7th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Eamon Murphy, Behins /Tom O Connell, Ballygrennan /Anne Glasek, Birthday Remembrance  | 12.00pm |
| Mon 8th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Tues 9th  | Eoin O Neill, Ballygologue Rd. | 10.30am |
| Wed. 10th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 11th  | James & Kathleen Keane Stack, William St  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 12th  | John Guiney, Charles St. /Mae & John Sheehan, Finuge | 10.30am |
| **Feast day****Of our** **Lady of** **Fatima**Saturday 13th  | Michael, Mary & Lily Foley, Cahirdown /Tom O Connor & Deceased Family, Bunagara /Liam O’Driscoll, Feale Drive /Sean O Sullivan, Market St. /Thanks Given to the Donors, requested by Adoration Group | 10.30am |
|  Jerry Murphy, Clieveragh **1st Anniversary** /Michael Daly, Knockane, Birthday Rem. /Danny Barrett, Ballygologue Pk & Clieveragh /Lena & John Mulvihill, Kilarda /Mary Mulvihill, Market St. /Sheila (Cis) Browne, William St. | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday14th  | Jeremiah Scannell, Dromin | 9.00am |
| Kevin (Geg) Sheehy, Ashfield, Birthday Rem. /Dan & Kate Hannon, Colbert St.  | 12.00pm |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery this Sunday, 7th May***. ***Fr. Spring, 0872931064.*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS Fr. Pat Moore P.P. Duagh & former Curate of Listowel,** late of Asdee.

**Elizabeth (Liz) Vann nee Barry,** late of Greenville & Dirha Cottages, died in California.

**Jack Walsh aged 103,** late of Halfway Barr Glenoe & Greenville, died in Chicago. Interment in Chicago.

**John Stack,** O’Connell’s Ave. died Broseley, Shropshire, UK.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Danny Barrett, Ballygologue Pk. & Clieveragh / Joan O Quigley, Church St.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY:** On this Good Shepherd Sunday we reflect on the need for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. We need to continually pray and encourage more young people will answer the call. If you feel called to the priesthood and would like to find out more, please contact Fr Michael Moynihan 0876551902 or Fr Liam Comer 066 7134131. Visit [dioceseofkerry.ie](http://dioceseofkerry.ie) for more information.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** will take place at our Vigil Mass on Saturday next (May 6th ) at 6.15pm. All children are welcome!

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING** will take place on Monday 8th at 7.30pm. in the Parish Meeting Room.

**O'CONNELL'S AVE ROSARY** will be recited at the Grotto each Sunday at 6pm during the month of May. All very welcome.

**FINUGE GROTTO** Rosary every Wednesday evening at 8pm.

**KILLOCRIM GROTTO** May Rosary every Friday evening at 8pm

**SATURDAY NEXT (13TH MAY) WILL BE THE CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** Our Holy Father, Pope Francis will be present in Fatima for the occasion. To mark it here in Listowel, immediately after the 10.30am. Mass, Adoration will take place in the Church from 11am. to 2pm. with Benediction. We invite you to come along and pray with us for our Parish and the Ireland of today and ask Our Lady to intercede for us. All are welcome.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Some up-coming programmes you may wish to note: **Diocesan Adoration Day:** Led by **Fr. Bernard Healy, on** Thurs. 1st June 9.30am-4.00pm. **Self Care Day:** Practical skills for stress management and emotional wellness, Sat. 3rd June 9.45am-4.00pm. Contact: Anna O'Donoghue 0879447105 **Our Lady of Fatima 1st Sat Monthly Devotion:** Sat. 3rd June 4.00pm-6.00pm. **A Doorway into Stillness:** A day of Spiritual Nourishment for mind and body led by Antoinette Dilsworth RSJ, Sat. 10th June 10.30am-4.30pm. **A Day with Mary:** Celebrate the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima preached by Msgr. Dan O'Riordan Sat. 17th June 10.30am-4.30pm. **Growing Old Gracefully:**  facilitated by: John Dunne & Kathy Cunningham. Friday 28th-Sunday 30th July. **Enrich your Faith:** Foyer of Light, Charity and Love 5 day Silent Retreat preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne, Aug 7th-13th. Contact Helen 0861678027.

**YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ 2017** The Diocesan Pastoral Team is still recruiting for the youth pilgrimage to Taizé, France.  The dates are Sunday, June 25th and returning on Sunday July 2nd 2017.  Pilgrims must be between 18 – 30.  The cost of the pilgrimage is **€400** but here in Listowel our Finance Council will sponsor half of that fare. So we would be delighted if any parishioner or regular at our Church would avail of this great opportunity.  For application forms or more information, contact Fr. Declan directly or Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 .

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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.

**ALZHEIMER'S CARERS SUPPORT GROUP** monthly meeting Tues May 9 at 12.30pm at Listowel Family Resource Centre.

**BAZAAR TEA/COFFEE MORNING** in the Mermaids bar, William St., Friday 12th May 10.30 to 3pm. all welcome.

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY** will host two FREE Painting Workshops on Friday May 12th and Friday May 19th from 11.00 Am -12.30 PM. You must attend both sessions as it's a continuation. These classes are open to Senior Members of the Community to Celebrate the 'Bealtaine Festival - celebrating creativity as we age'.  Places are  limited, please call 068-23044 to secure your place.

**ALZHEIMER’S TEA MORNING** in Christy's Bar, The Square, Friday 12th May from 10am to 2pm. Tea Day is a social occasion where friends, family and neighbours come together to enjoy a cup of tea and home baking and raise money for the Alzheimers Society. Your donations will be used to provide local services to help people living with alzheimers and other dementias. We really hope you can come along and support.

**FIBROMYALGIA SUFFERS**  meet on Wednesday 10th May at 8pm, Sharp in St. Patrick’s Hall. All are welcome!

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

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AGM** on Thursday 18th May 2017  Mass at 7.30p.m. followed by refreshments and  AGM  at the Church of The Resurrection Killarney Also our **Annual Retreat takes place in** **Ardfert Retreat Centre** **on Thursday  01st June commencing at 9.30 to 3.30 p.m.  (**including lunch.**)** Fr. Bernard Healy will be leading the day with a visit from Bishop Ray.   To book your place contact your parish committee or Diocesan Adoration Secretary Eileen Murphy **at 0874575278.**   All welcome

**LIKE TO QUIT SMOKING? A HSE** 6-week stop smoking support group will start in: Family Resource Centre, John B Keane Rd. Tuesday 16th of May to Tuesday 20th of June 6.30pm to 7.30pm. the course is **free** of charge and delivered by a Smoking Cessation Office, every Tuesday evening for the 6 consecutive weeks. Please confirm booking as places are limited with: Mary: 066-7195617 Kerry Community Services. H.S.E. South, Rathass, Tralee.

**GREEN RIBBON CAMPAIGN** Get involved in the Green Ribbon campaign over the month of May and let’s get the conversation going around mental health in Kerry. You can pick up a green ribbon from your local library. You don’t need to be an expert to start talking about mental health or have all the answers. Sometimes the most helpful thing you can do is to let someone know that you are there for them and simply listen. Talk, but listen too: Simply being there will mean a lot. Take your lead from the person: As a first step, ask them how best you can help. Avoid the clichés: Phrases like ‘Cheer up’, ‘I’m sure it’ll pass’ and ‘Pull yourself together’ definitely won’t help - Being open minded, non-judgemental and listening will. Keep in touch: There are lots of small ways of showing support - Send a text or just ask someone how they are doing. Don’t just talk about mental health: Just be yourself, chat about everyday things as well. For more information: please contact Julieann Lane, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE Phone (086) 0278272.

**ANAM CARA**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents,

is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 9th of May 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.

**KERRY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP** are holding a  Health & Well Being Day on May 26th from 10.30am to 3pm in Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre Tralee for people who have **had** a Stroke. Inputs from various Medical and Wellbeing Therapists including Dr. Richard Liston, Consultant Geriatrician from University Hospital Kerry.  **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**. Cost €10.00. **Limited Availability** . For further info contact Denise @ 066 7123373

**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.

**PULSEWAVE IRELAND CARDIO HEART SCREENING** in Kerry next week. The Bpro certified to measure CASP to 99.17% in comparison to an angiogram and as seen on TV. As Heart Disease is still the biggest killer in Ireland we try to make it affordable for everyone to be screened. Normal cost of screening is €50 per person , Parish offer €30 per person for that we check your Blood Pressure, Heart Rythm, Casp of heart, arterial flexability and Blood flow.  We can access the risk of heart attack or stroke with a simple non invasive test. Venues as follows  Thursday 4th May Killarney Court Hotel, Killarney & Friday 5th May The Grand Hotel Tralee. appointments available from 11am to 8pm daily Call 087-7151623 to make an appointment spaces are limited.

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ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE Sat. 10th June 2017  -  10.30am to 4.30pm. Contact: (066)7134276.

**A DAY WITH MARY:** Celebrate the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima

Preached by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dan O'Riordan P.P. Castleisland

At Ardfert Retreat Centre on Sat. 17th June 2017    10.30am-4.30pm.

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