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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**3rd September 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 11.30am. Mass. **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 2nd – 10th September.**

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| Saturday2nd  | James Lyons, Bedford, **1st Anniversary** /Peggy, Johnny & Maire Harnett, Smerla & Abbeyfeale / Kathleen & Brendan Daly, William St. /Margaret & Hannah Kennelly, Coolaclarig | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
|  Sunday 3rd  | Jack, Mike, John, Stephen & Patrick Enright, Ballahadigue & Tom Kennelly, Coilbee | 9.00am |
| Catherine (Katsy) O Shea, Ballygologue Park, **Months Mind** | **11.30am**  |
| Mon 4th  | Dan Foley, Meen | 10.30am |
| Tues 5th  | Special Intention /Patrick Gavin, **Recently Deceased**, died in England, late of Bridge Road | 10.30am |
| Wed. 6th  | Michael & Mary O Keeffe, Moyessa  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 7th  | Thanksgiving Mass for Our Lady’s Birthday on Friday 8th.  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 8th  | Jimmy Joy, Ballygologue Pk. 1st Anniversary | 10.30am |
| Saturday 9th  | John O Keeffe, Greenville | 10.30am |
| Paud Guerin, Convent Street /Bridie Hassett, Bridge Road /Barthy O Driscoll, Tanavalla /Catherine Barry, Dirha Cottages /Michael Whelan, Market Street /Dan Broderick, Bunagara /John Ryan, Skehenerin  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday10th  | Mona & Mick Ryan, Ballygologue Pk. | 9.00am |
| ***People of the Parish***  | **11.30am** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY FOR LISTOWEL DEANERY THIS SUNDAY*, 3rd September, Fr. McNamara, 089-4044816.*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS:**  Garda Myles Gibbons, Ballinskelligs late of Louisburgh, Mayo.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Eileen McGrath, Convent St. /

Mick Lynch, Liosarda / Nora Flaherty nee Carroll & Deceased Members of the Carroll & Flaherty, O’Connell’s Ave.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR DIOCESAN NEEDS** : Our September Diocesan Collection this weekend, immediately after Holy Communion funds various Diocesan Needs and Committees. Thank You.

**AUTUMN DUES / OFFERINGS**: are due in September. This is one of the four collections in any one year, along with Christmas, Spring and November offerings that support your own priests and priests of the Diocese. It is the yellow envelope in your Parish Envelope Box or you may use the loose envelope at the back of the church. Any offer is much appreciated and you may drop into the Parish Office or drop into offertory place at any time throughout the month. *Many Thanks*.

**LISTOWEL PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** will take place on Sunday 17th September at 8am. at the Bus stop outside Listowel Church. Booking essential contact 0876019474.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Ballyheigue Pattern Day – Adoration at Ardfert Retreat Centre: Fri. Sept. 8Th, 1.00pm-4.00pm. Gathering for Parish Contact People: Bishop Ray Browne, Mon. Sept. 18Th, 7.00pm-9.30pm. Human and Religious Development as Catholic Christians: Fr. Sean Sheehy, (8weeks) each Wed. starting Sept. 20Th, 7.00pm-8.30pm. The Practice of Lectio Divina: Fr. Brendan Clifford, (2 weeks) Thurs. Sept. 28Th & Thurs. Oct. 5Th, 7.00pm-9.30pm.

Contact Ardfert Retreat Centre 0667134276.

**MEETING FOR RETURNED LAY MISSIONARIES & VOLUNTEERS:** Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet up with like-minded people to discuss issues of mutual concern? Join us for our first meeting which takes place on Wednesday, Sep 13th @ 7.30 p.m. in the John Paul 11 Pastoral Centre, Rock Rd, Killarney.  For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 083 8422468 to confirm attendance.

***Note:*** A sum of money was found outside the Presbytery Footpath on last Wednesday. Enquires to the Parish office.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ACTIVE RETIRED** Resumes on Tuesday 5th September at 2.30pm. New members always welcome.

**COFFEE MORNING** in aid of Listowel Hospice on Wed 13th from 10.30am. – 2pm. at the home of Nora Mulvihill, 31 Church St. your support will be greatly appreciated.

**IRISH HEART FOUNDATION** would like to thank, most sincerely the parishioners of Listowel for the generosity they showed during their recent Church Gate Collection. The amount raised was €911.20.

**ANAM CARA,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 12th of September from 19:30 to 21:00 in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Killierisk, 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.

**NIGHT CLASSES IN NORTH KERRY COLLEGE.** Enrolment for our Night Classes will take place at the college as follows:

Wednesday, 13th of September 2017, 7-9pm. Monday 18th of September 2017, 7-9pm. Wednesday, 20th of September 7-9pm. Courses to begin the week of Monday, 25th September 2017 Hobby Courses include Introduction to Computers, Social Media, Leaving Cert. Ordinary Level Maths, Conversational Spanish,  Irish Language, Creative Writing, Beginners and Advanced Photography, Tai Chi, Starting your own Business, Create your own Fascinator, Zumba Dance Class. QQI Qualification Courses Supervision In Early Childhood Care, Care of the Older Person Guarding Skills Training Course For further details please call or email the Director of Adult Education on  086 0289958  or

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***Just a Thought***

***God’s gift to you is your life. … What you do with it is your Gift to God ….***

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

**FRANCISCAN FRIARY, KILLARNEY** From September to December the Franciscan Province of Ireland will run a series of free concerts at our Friaries around the country as a thank you to all the people who have supported the work and ministry of the Franciscans both locally and at national level. We are inviting Franciscan hearted people to join us in creating a hope filled world where *“we bring joy where there is sadness, hope where there is despair, faith where there is doubt”.* The concerts will highlight the need to care and nurture all of creation. We have commissioned a new composition of the Canticle of Creation written by St. Francis of Assisi. The Canticle is a hymn of praise that inspired Pope Francis in his second encyclical ‘Laudato si’ which he wrote on June 18, 2015. The composer is Vincent Kennedy and the concert will be performed by Vincent and Marina Cassidy (harp and vocals). The date for the concert in Killarney is… Friday 15th September in Franciscan Friary, Killarney at 7pm.

**POOR CLARE MONASTERY, CORK** Vocations Afternoon, on the 16th Sept, 2-4.30p.m, at the Poor Clare Monastery, College Rd., Cork. May God reward you, and assuring you of our prayers.

**NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK TRALEE** are recruiting participants for their QQI Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise course. The course is free to individuals who are out of work due to illness, injury, those who have experienced a personal setback or early school leavers. Training and accommodation allowance provided. For further information, please contact NLN at 066 7122533 / 086 0404270 or **kevin.smith@nln.ie**

**DIOCESAN COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION** (1st September – 4th October).  Drawing on Laudato Si, the brochure is at the back of the Church, please take one home. Public events: ***Diocesan Prayer service to commemorate World Day of Care for Creation in Tralee Town Park*** @ 6.45pm on Friday 1st September; ***An evening on “Reducing Food Waste and Composting: simple practical ways*** with Donal O’Leary” @ 8pm in John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Killarney on Tuesday 12th September; ***A cookery demonstration with Mark Doe “Being Creative with Leftovers***” @ 8pm in St. Brendan’s Pastoral Centre, Tralee on Thursday 28th September.

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**EMPOWERING PARENTS PROGRAMME** The DESSA Empowering Parents Programme supports parents to acquire the knowledge and skills to effectively advocate on behalf of their children. The Programme will: Show you new ways of thinking about your child's disability, which will help you to see new possibilities and ways of doing things. Tell you about your child's rights and how to achieve them. Explain who can help you to get what you need from public services and your local community. Help you to build your confidence and keep your spirits up! Meet other parents **Six Week Course.** Limited Spaces Available. Please Contact Toni on 068 - 23584