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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8th October 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 Monday to Saturday at 11.30am & there are no Funerals on Sundays. **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 7th – 15th October.**

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| Saturday7th  | Paddy O Sullivan, Meen / Michael Lynch, Liosarda & Mary Lynch, Lisselton /Michael, Mary & Denis O Connor & Edward & Mary Browne & Kathleen Keegan nee Browne, O’Connell’s Ave. /Tom Flynn & Siss Sommers, England /Johnny Holly, O’Connell’s Ave. & Kitty Crowley nee Kelly /An that Gearóid O Donnchadha /Eamon Relihan, Bridge Rd.  | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
| Sunday 8th  | Jim Scanlon, 1st Ann, Dirha East /Vincent & Angela Moloney, The Square | 9.00am |
| Maura Tobin, Months Mind & Cyril Tobin, William Kenny, Kenny Heights & Church St. / Joe Stack, Woodford /Mary Moran, Billerough /Isabel McDonough, Greenville | **11.30am**  |
| Mon 9th  | Rita Sibley nee Griffin, Birthday Remembrance Convent St. & Deceased Family | 10.30am |
| Tues 10th  | Special Intention, St. Padre Pio, St. Michael & Catherine Hastings, Lyre. /Clara Tobin, Knocknagoshel, Bir. Rem. | 10.30am |
| Wed. 11th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 12th  | Maurice, Evelyn, David & Mary O Sullivan, Church St.  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 13th  |  | 10.30am |
| Saturday 14th  |  Michael G. O’Connor, Patrick Street | 10.30am |
| Austin Stack, Feale Drive /Edward (Ned) Crowley, Mail Rd, Cahirdown, 1st Anniversary /Tess Stack, Moyessa /Eileen & Tom O Halloran, Bridge Rd. /Mary & Patrick Hickey, Banemore /Tom McCarthy, Coolnaleen  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday15th  | John Neville, Ballinruddery / Thomas, Bridie, Sr. Editt & Bernie Hassett, Bridge Rd | 9.00am |
| Jerry O Keeffe, Charles St. /Joan Hilliard, Cahirdown, 1st Ann.  | **11.30am** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY FOR LISTOWEL DEANERY THIS SUNDAY*, 8th October, Fr. Brick, 087-9473317.*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS: Patrick Joseph Enright,** Courthouse Lawn. **Bunny Tatten nee Reidy**, Island View.

**Fr. Hallie Ashe,** Texas late of Church St. & Gurtinard.

**Retired Garda Sergeant Michael O’Leary,** Killarney.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Catherine Kitty Flavin, Dirha Cottages / Mons. Michael Leahy.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY GROUP**: takes place this weekend at our Vigil Mass ( 7th October). All children present are asked at the beginning of the Mass to join the catechists in the Parish Meeting Room who will help them understand the Word of God and return in time for the Offertory. This is a great facility to have in our parish as we prepare for the Meeting on Families in Dublin in August 2018. All are welcome.

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING** will take place on Monday 9th October at 7.30pm. in the Parish Meeting Room

**FIRST YEAR MASS**: will take place at St. Michael’s College to welcome our First Year students and their parents on Tuesday night next 10th Oct ) in the College.

**MASS IN COLÁISTE NA RÍOCHTA**: takes place on Wednesday next (Oct. 11th ) at 12.15 p.m.

**COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & ST. JOSEPH’s**: Mass with the Anointing of the Sick takes place on Wed. next (11th Oct.) at 2pm.

**PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**: As we journey with our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion a Meeting will take place with the Parents of our Parish First Holy Communion Children with Fr. Declan to organize what we call ‘***Do this in Memory of Me***’ programme which will be once a month between now and First Holy Communion Day. The meeting takes place on ***Wednesday night next (11th October ) at 8.00p.m. and will conclude before 9.00 p.m. in the Seanchaí Centre.*** Both parents are welcome but we expect at least one parent to represent each child. Thanks

**LAY FUNERAL MINISTERS:** Listowel Parish Pastoral Council & Listowel Area Pastoral Council have been considering developing the ministry of having lay people involved in funeral ministry in our Parishes. It is something that is already happening in many other dioceses throughout the country and its aim is to have women and men involved in the reception of a remains in the church and perhaps been involved in the burial of a remains. With the declining number of priests it is something that needs to be considered for the future and is strongly encouraged by the Diocese. Accordingly, an Information night for Listowel Pastoral Area given by Frances Rowland from Diocese Pastoral Team will take place on ***Thursday night next (12th October) in St. Patrick’s Hall at 8.00 p.m.*** We need people that might be interested? Please come along and let’s explore it together. Thanks.

**PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL MASS**: Friday morning next at 9.30 a.m.in the school.

**BAPTISM TEAM MINI RETREAT**: directed by Fr. Sean O Sheehy takes place in the Arms Hotel on Saturday morning next (14th Oct.) starting at 10.00 a.m.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND 1-7 JULY 2018**  There are only 10 places left and it has now been now opened to the Pastoral Area. If interested please complete form in Parish office to secure your place. There is a meeting in St Patrick's Hall on **Thursday, 19th October** at 8.00 p.m**.** to up-date pilgrims on the pilgrimage. Deposits are to be paid €300 per person.

**DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY ON FAMILY LIFE:** ‘How can parish support family life’ Exploring the importance of family in today’s parish community and providing resources for parishes – taking place on Sunday next (15th October 2017) in the Brandon Hotel; registration at 2 p.m., starting at 2.30 p.m. and concluding with a light supper at 6.00 p.m. Who is this for? Clergy, Parish Pastoral Council & Liturgy Groups etc. More details from Parish Office.

**MASS FOR NANCY GARVEY NEE LINNANE** Recently deceased takes place on Sat. 28th Oct. at 4pm. in Ballydonoghue Church.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**BALLYBUNION SEA & CLIFF RESCUE SERVICE** will hold there annual church gate collection at all masses 14th & 15th October.

**THE IRISH PILGRIMAGE TRUST** are now accepting applications for their Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Young people aged 11-30 yrs with a variety of special needs including physical and medical conditions, learning difficulties or a young person who may have experienced some challenge in their life are all eligible to apply. It provides respite care for parents and guardians and a free trip for the young person. The closing date for applications is the 31st of Oct.  Further information [www.irishpilgrimagetrust.com](http://www.irishpilgrimagetrust.com/) or  086 1030740 or  087 2809833 after 5pm.

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

**ENABLE IRELAND KERRY SERVICES** would like to thanks the parishioners for supporting this year’s Church Gate collection. The total raised this year was €1299.47. All money raised will be used to support services in Kerry.

**PARKINSON’S CONFERENCE** Sunday 29th Oct. in the Malton Hotel Killarney, 10.15am. to 3.30pm. Guest speakers. Registration essential 1800359359 all welcome, free to attend and fell free to bring along a family member or carer.

**ALZHEIMER'S DAYCARE RESPITE Are you a caring person are looking for volunteers to help out in the Alzheimer's Day care Respite based at Listowel Family Resource Centre. For further details contact Bridie 068-23584/086-8556431.**

**BALLYHEIGUE PARISH MISSION**,   Fri. 13th– Sun.15th October, given by Franciscan Friars  (Grey Friars) of the Renewal from Moyross . It promises to be an uplifting

weekend of prayer and reflection with Masses, talks, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Healing and Procession, e*veryone is most warmly welcome* *to come and join us . Please see poster on Church notice board.*

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY:** Story Time Saturday Oct 14th at 11.00 am Sharp. Suitable for ages 1-6,  Children must be accompanied by an adult, free event all welcome. No advance  booking necessary

**BECOME A TRÓCAIRE VOLUNTEER** and help make a difference for some of our world’s most vulnerable people. We are currently looking for volunteers in the Diocese of Kerry. Interested in finding out more? Please get in touch with Janet Twomey on 021-4275622.

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY will host a 'Cartoon Capers' workshop**

**with Author and Illustrator Alan Nolan for children aged 8-12 yrs on Thursday November 2nd  (Mid Term) at 10.30 AM. The workshop is part of the Children's Book Festival which runs in Libraries all over Ireland in October / November this year.  Advance booking is necessary by calling Listowel Library on 068-23044. This is a free event.**

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MEN** Eight Week Course Start Date – Monday 16th October 1.00pm – 3.30pm Topics to be discussed are: Listening and communicating, Managing stress, Being assertive, Handling feelings, Handling criticism and praise, Dealing with conflict, Building self-confidence, Making good decisions, Setting goals, A weekly €3.00 contribution will be required. Contact Toni Clarke for a place on 068 – 23584.

**NORTH KERRY OLDER PERSONS MAINTENANCE SERVICE** provides a low cost home maintenance and minor repair service to senior members of North Kerry. Our service aims to help people stay in their homes in a healthy, safe and comfortable environment. With the holiday season around the corner now is the time to tackle those indoor jobs put on the long finger. We handle small interior painting jobs and minor repairs (e.g. fitting locks, hanging curtains, rails etc.). We also offer home cleaning and domestic support. For more information please call 068 23429 or 0873776724.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Human and Religious Development as Catholic Christians: Fr. Sean Sheehy, Wed. Sept. 27Th, 7.00pm-8.30pm. The Practice of Lectio Divina: Fr. Brendan Clifford, (2 weeks) Thurs. Sept. 28Th & Thurs. Oct. 5Th, 7.00pm-9.30pm. Marian Movement Cenacle: Don Laurent Larroque & other priests,  Fri. Sept. 29th, 6.30pm-9.30pm.

Meditation in Movement - Sacred Circle Dance: Bernie McCaffrey, Sat. 30th Sept., 10.00am-1.00pm.

Contact Ardfert Retreat Centre 0667134276.

**ANAM CARA** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 10th October at 7:30pm in Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP to **info@anamcara.ie** before Monday 9th October or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

​ ​**THE MOVING ON PROGRAMME** would like to thank all the women who came to the employment seminars. The 6 week course starts at 10am Thurs 12th October in the FRC Listowel. If you are an employer in Listowel who would be interested in supporting women who want to return to work please contact Dolores Gallagher 087 764 7446 doloresgallagher@newkd.ie .

**THE FRIARY** The annual feast of St Francis will be celebrated on Sunday the 8th of October at the 11.30am mass.  The Blessing of all animals will take place at  3.30pm outside the friary church.

The Friary Mass Office & Bookshop are open from Monday to Saturday  from 9.30am to 5.50pm & will remain  (open during lunch).