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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**3rd December 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 3rd – 10th December**

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| Saturday2nd  | Margaret Lynch, Glin, Limerick /Jimmy Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tce. /Mick McAuliffe, Church St. /Moss & Lena Hannon, The Square /Una Dore, Charles St. & Knockane  | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
| Sunday 3rd  | Bunny Dalton, Charles St. /Eugene & Mai O Brien, Cahirdown | 9.00am |
| Paddy Dillon, Gortacrissane /Maurice & Margaret Joy, Greenville | **11.30am**  |
| Mon 4th  | James Mulligan, Dublin / Special Intention / Jim Joy, O’Connell’s Ave.  | 10.30am |
| Tues 5th  | Special Intention /Bridget Toomey, Dirha Cottages | 10.30am |
| Wed. 6th  | Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 7th  | Claudia Costello *(*nee Shine), Coolaclarig & Ballygologue Pk. /Joseph O Hanlon, Woodford | 10.30am |
| Dan Hayes, Bridge Rd & Deceased Family Members / Timmy Kennelly, Bedford /Tom Relihan, Clounmacon | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
|  Fri. 8th  | Mary Walsh, Dirha | 10.30am |
| Willie Doyle, Fourhane | 1.10pm |
| Saturday 9th   |  ***People of the Parish*** | 10.30am |
| Elizabeth O Connor, Greenville, **Months Mind /** Caroline Enright, Feale Dr., **1st Ann**. / Frank O Carroll, Dublin & Bally /Margaret Moloney, Derry /Patsy Lyons, Clieveragh /Helen McConnell, & Deceased Family Members, O’Connell’s Ave. / John Halloran, The Meadows /David Cronin, Coolagown /Maire Kelliher, Lartigue Village /Eleanor Culbert nee Moore, Charles St.  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday10th  | Tim & Teresa Greaney & Jack & Jane Kelly, Finuge | 9.00am |
| Joseph & Hannah Walsh & Deceased Family Members, Dirha East /John Sexton, William St.  | **11.30am** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY FOR LISTOWEL DEANERY THIS SUNDAY*, 3rd December, Fr. Hanafin, 0878341083.*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATHS** Henry Hilliard, Billerough House & College Lawn & Joan Scanlon nee Halpin, Glin, late of Dirha East.

Mary (Masie) Bulter nee O’Sullivan, died in England late of Killocrim

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Tommy Sheehan, Ballygologue Pk. / Tony Brennan, Ballygologue Pk. & Monagh / Catherine Brennan, Skehenerin / Joan Keating, Dirha Cottages / Patrick Carmody, Skehenerin / David Finbarr Bunyan, Convent St. Killimor, Clare & Cyril Lambert, Charleville, Tipperary / Ellen & John Joe Halpin, Breda Hinkins nee Halpin, Dirha East & Johnny O Sullivan, Killocrim / Margaret Dillon, Meen.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ENROLMENT OF OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FOR 2018:** We welcome our Confirmation candidates 2018 and their family members who are joining us at our Vigil Mass on this Saturday night . Confirmation Day is Friday, April 13th 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY GROUP**: We also welcome our children who are joining us for our children’s liturgy at our Vigil Mass.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH COLLECTION:** takes place at all masses this weekend after Holy Communion. This collection supports all the various activities supporting our Youth by the KYDS throughout the Diocese. Thanks for your support.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS DURING ADVENT** Adoration will continue every Sunday throughout Advent from 3 to 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:** Tuesday morning next (Dec. 5th ) in St. Michaels College & Presentation Secondary School on Wednesday morning next (Dec. 6th ) at 9.00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASS IN WRITERS GROVE** on Tuesday evening next, 5th December at 6.00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASS FOR WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION**: Wednesday next ( Dec. 6th ) at 12.30 p.m.in their Centre.

**CHRISTMAS MASS FOR KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS**: in their Centre on Thursday next (Dec. 7th ) at 2.00 p.m. All are welcome.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V.M.:** on Friday next , December 8th It is a Holy Day of obligation. Vigil Mass on Thursday evening at 6.15 p.m. and Masses on Friday at 10.30 a.m. & 1.10 p.m. lunch time.

**PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE**: takes place here at St. Mary’s Church on Thursday night at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LISTOWEL ANNUAL COLLECTION Sat. Dec. 9th & Sun. Dec. 10th.** Our goal is to fight poverty in all its forms through practical assistance to people in need in our locality. We offer direct, personal assistance that is non-judgmental, confidential and based on the need of the individual or family. The amount collected last year came to **€5,088.40.** Thank you for your on-going support.

**DECEMBER FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH PROGRAMME**  for our First Holy Communion Children 2018 and their families will take place at our Vigil Mass on Saturday night next (9th Dec.) at 6.15 p.m. The organising parents for the month of December are asked to meet Canon Declan for a short meeting in the Presbytery on Thursday evening next from 6.00 – 6.30 p.m.

**OUR PARISH CHOIR CAROL SERVICE** will take place here in the church on Sunday, December 10th . Admission is free – so come along and get into the spirit of Christmas.

**LISTOWEL PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** only a few leftareavailable at the **Parish office**. A pack of 6 for €5.00 single Cards €1.00. Also we have Christmas Mass Bouquet cards.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL**“***Orientation Day*** for Presentation Secondary School Listowel is on Friday 8th December 2017 from 9.00am – 3.20pm. For further information please contact the office on 068 21452.”

**THE IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION** Will hold a Christmas Sale at its shop in William St., on Thursday morning 7th December.

**'KERRY RIGHT TO LIFE'** The official launch of the group **'Kerry Right To Life'**will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 7.30pm in The Rose Hotel Tralee. with guest speaker Katie Ascough (former UCD Student Union President) who is pro-life. We encourage everyone who wishes to uphold the right to life of the mother and her unborn child to attend

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Saint John of God Kerry Services who are celebrating over 3 decades of providing support  to  men, women and children with intellectual disabilities across the county”

***Check out more notices on the church Notice board***

***and our Web Page*** [***www.listowelparish.com***](http://www.listowelparish.com)

**ST. JOHN’S PARISH BAZAAR, TRALEE:** this weekend - :

December 2nd & 3RD  at K.D.Y.S. Hall, Denny Street.  Tralee

Saturday from 7pm and Sunday from 2.30pm. All are welcome.

**LIAM LAWTON CONCERT**, St Marys Cathedral, Killarney Sunday 17th December in Aid of Kilcummin National School. Concert at 7pm -  doors open at 6pm. Tickets available from the following Email - liamlawtontickets@gmail.com  Tom 087 2890630, Ger 086 8287948, Russell 086 2832925.

**TOMMY FLEMING CONCERT,** The Friary Church, Killarney, Thursday 14th December 2017 at 8pm Doors open at 7pm.

Tickets available at Friary Mass Office or on line [www.tommyfleming.com](http://www.tommyfleming.com)

**POST  NATAL DEPRESSION SUPPORT** Christmas meeting

Wed December 6th from 8-10pm at Listowel Family Resource Centre to include a presentation by Niamh Smith of Colour me Beautiful and finger food will also be provided.

**CEíLí CLOUNMACON COMMUNITY CENTRE** Friday 8th Dec. at 9.30pm. music by Donie Nolan, Teas Served.

**LIXNAW TURKEY TROT 5KM** family fun run takes place on Sunday December 17th at 12pm. Walkers are also welcome to take part in the event.  This a charity event for Tralee Soup Kitchen, Cycle Against Suicide and the Tina Mcelligott treatment fund.  Please register online at <https://www.iregister.ie/v2/events/lixnaw-turkey-trot/>  or tell your friends about it.

**KERRY CHORAL UNION** presents O Holy Night with Miriam Murphy, Soprano. Sunday 10th December, at 7.30pm. St. John the Baptist Church, Castle Street, Tralee. Musical Director: Sharon Reidy. Accompanist: Ian Sexton.

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**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, ABBEYFEALE Jubilee Celebration with Finbar Wright** in the Church of the Assumption, Abbeyfeale on Friday 9th February. Great gift to give for Christmas. Tickets are €30 each or 2 for €50 and can be purchased in Listowel Parish Office.

**SILENT RETREAT-** Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius will take place at the Alexian Brothers Monastery, Knock, Co. Mayo,

for women aged 18 years and up. From December 28th 2017 to  January 1st 2018.  Places are limited. Please book early. For more information contact 085-8235525. Organised by the Sisters of the Missionary Order of the Servants of the Lord, Co. Wexford.

**ANAM CARA,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Tuesday 12th of December 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.