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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**10th 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 10th – 17th December**

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| Saturday9th  | Elizabeth O Connor, Greenville, **Months Mind /** Caroline Enright, Feale Dr., **1st Ann**. / Frank O Carroll, Dublin & Tullahinell, Asdee, **Recently Deceased** / 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.  | **6.15pm****Vigil**  |
| Sunday 10th  | Tim & Teresa Greaney & Jack & Jane Kelly, Finuge | 9.00am |
| Joseph & Hannah Walsh & Deceased Family Members, Dirha East /John Sexton, William St. | **11.30am**  |
| Mon 11th  |  | 10.30am |
| Tues 12th  | Luke Slowey, Co Fermanagh & London / Kevin Casey, Woodford /Kitty Healy nee Collins, & Deceased Family Members, Convent St. /Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed. 13th  | Special Intention / Private Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 14th  | Michael Meehan, Lartigue Village | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 15th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 10.30am |
| Saturday 16th   |  Anne & Kevin Croghan, Charles St. / Cyril O Gorman, Clieveragh | 10.30am |
| Joan Walsh, The Square, 1st Anniversary / William & Hannah Corkery &John Corkery, Lixnaw & John Joe Foley, Killarney / Thomas & Josephine Lyons, Derry & Eily & Denis Long, Knocknagoshel & Daniel Thady, Maisie & Eileen McCarthy, Duagh  | **Vigil****6.15pm** |
| Sunday17th  | Patricia (Patsy) Cronin, Bridge Rd. Months Mind  | 9.00am |
| Paddy Healy, Willow Place /Deceased Members of the Bartishell Family, Convent St. / Tom Keane, Derry | **11.30am** |

**PRIEST ON DUTY FOR LISTOWEL DEANERY THIS SUNDAY*, 10th December, Fr. Kennelly,, 0872931064.*** *(emergencies only).*

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

**RECENT DEATH** May Carroll nee Carey, Dublin late of Fourhane.

Shirley Williamson, England late of Rathea.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Peggy Stack, O’Connell’s Ave. / Paddy O Connor, O’Connell’s Ave. / Michael Kennelly, Market St. / Margaret O Sullivan, Bedford / Mary Hanlon, O’Connell’s Ave./ Jack Danaher, Cahirdown / Peggy ( Margaret) Brennen, Gortacrissane & Gortcreen / Jack & Margaret Whelan, Market St.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**PREPARING OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN:** We welcome our First Holy Communion children and their parents who are joining us at our Vigil Mass this weekend for their December gathering.

**OUR PARISH CHOIR CAROL SERVICE** will take place here in the church on this Sunday evening, December 10th at 7pm. – so come along and get into the spirit of Christmas.

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

**MEDJUGORJE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING** will take place on Monday 11TH December at 7.30pm. in the Parish Meeting Room.

**LEGION OF MARY** will meet this Wednesday 13th Dec. at the ***earlier time of 3pm.*** in the Parish Meeting Room.

**CHRISTMAS SCHOOL MASSES THIS WEEK**

Tuesday next ( 12th Dec. ) at 1pm. - Nano Nagle School

Thursday next, (Dec. 14th ) Scoil Realta na Maidne at 9.30 a.m.

Friday next (Dec. 15th ) St. Michael’s College, at 12.30pm.

**CLOUNMACON COMMUINTY ANNUAL CHIRSTMAS MASS** will take place in their Centre on Friday 15th Dec. at 7.30pm.

**SPECIAL 11.30 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY NEXT DEC. 17TH** :

As we prepare for Christmas and the Nativity, the Presentation Primary School children and Staff are hosting the 11.30 am. Mass on Sunday next. They will do the readings, intercessions and sing throughout the Mass.

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

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

**CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE / CONFESSIONS**:

will take place on Monday, Dec. 18th at 8.00 p.m. at St. Marys Church. It will consist of a short penitential service followed by the opportunity of individual confession with a number of priests present. We appeal to as many people as possible to avail of this opportunity for their Christmas confession**.**

**PLEASE NOTE OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Sunday, December 24th** ***(Christmas Eve)***

**6.15pm** with our Parish Folk Group (children’s mass)

& Mass of the Nativity with our Parish Choir at **9.00pm**.

**Monday, December 25th Christmas Day**

at **9.00am** (no singing) & **11.30am** (with our Parish Choir)

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2017** will be due at Christmas time. There are special envelopes available in your offering Envelope Box or should you not be using the envelope system, there are loose white envelopes at the back of the Church and at the Parish Office. The Christmas Dues collection which supports your priests will be taken up immediately after Holy Communion throughout the Diocese at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you for your support and generosity. .

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**'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.

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIRED CHRISTMAS LUNCH** will take place in the Listowel Arm’s Hotel on Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm.

**YOUTH FROM KDYS LISTOWEL** will host a Nativity Parade and Live Crib event on Wednesday 13th December at 1.15pm.

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY ALERT – TEXT ALERT NETWORK** this system is now used in many Garda districts and is proving very effective. If you are interested in being a member the consent forms are in the parish office please fill in your details and your contribution of €10 to the parish office the €10 goes to the on-going cost of the texts themselves.

***PARKING FOR MASS:*** It has been brought to our attention that a number of parishioners have received Parking Fines while Mass was being celebrated. Relevant traffic/parking rules & regulations apply at Mass times.

**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)

**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.

**THE NATIONAL FOLK THEATRE CHOIR** celebrates the season of goodwill on Friday 15th December at 8pm, with an evening of Christmas carols in Ceiliúradh na Nollag. There will be a mixture of traditional carols along with some beautiful Irish airs. With special guests the O’Neill Sisters and some festive nibbles to start off the evening, there’s sure to be a little piece of Christmas to suit everyone’s taste. Tickets available on 066-7123055.

**THE VISION OF *TOWARDS PEACE*** Christmas and New Year is often a time when we are reminded of our deeper selves and deepest hopes, and deepest pain. The vision of *Towards Peace* is to provide a safe supportive space for people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context, and who are seeking to explore the spiritual impact of the abuse. If you have been abused and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, *Towards Peace* is here for you: [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie) / 01 505 3028.