##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**31st December 2017**

**Holy Family**

**Parish Priest: Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hours 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 and Holy Days at 11.00am. **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 at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) and all Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)and a live stream of all liturgies on **www.mcnmedia.tv**

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 31st – 7th JANUARY**

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| Saturday 30th  | Eamon Roche, 1st Ann. & Catherine Jennings nee Roche, O’Connell’s Ave. /Carmel Walsh, Ballygologue Park /Nora (Dodo) Crane nee Fitzmaurice, Ennismore & England | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 31st  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| John O Mahony, Ballygrennan /Tadgh Laide, Ballygologue Park /Joe Carroll, St. Brendan’s Terrace | 11.30am |
| Mon 1st  | Peggy O’Dell Moloney, Charles St. & Deceased Family Members / Hannah Kelliher, Dingle /Brendan Guiney, Charles St.  | 10.30am |
| Tues 2nd  | Special Intention / Michael O Neill, Ballylongford | 10.30am |
| Wed 3rd  | Sean O Sullivan | 10.30am |
| Thurs 4th  | Dec Members of the O’Sullivan & Walsh Families  | 10.30am |
| Fri 5th  | Donal Crowley, Blarney, Cork | 10.30am |
| Tim Flaherty, Derry / Teresa Bambury, Gortclana, Kilmorna / Bob Kelly, Dirha  | 6.15pm  |
|  Saturday  6th  | Anne Marie O Sullivan, Lartigue Village & Charles St., Birthday Remembrance /Baby Mark Grace, Kenny Heights /Peter Murphy, Ennismore | 10.30am |
| Matilda, Patrick & Johnny Kelly, Billerough | 1.10pm |
| Andy Hayes, O’Connell’s Ave. /William & Rory O Connell, Grogreen /Richard & Margaret Roche & Dec. Family, O’Connell’s Ave. / Dora & Larry Buckley, Tanavalla & Joe Carr, Balbriggan / George McEnery, Gortacrissane /John Michael Murphy, Church St. /Paudie Horan, Cherry tree Drive  | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday7th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Christy Sommers, Billerough & Dec. Family  | 11.30am |

 ***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, Dec. 31st Fr. Brick 0879473317 (emergencies only)***

**PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Our sincere thanks for the Offertory Collection last weekend.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Mike Kelly, Charles St. & Woodford / Stephen Kenny, Church St.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Requiem Masses which took place this week

Bob Slemon, Feale Drive

Tommy Lyons, O’Connell’s Ave

Thomas D. Moran, Greenville

Elizabeth (Betty ) Quille, Woodford

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DATES OF DIOCESAN COLLECTION 2018:** Please note the list in Noticeboard at back of the church. The January Diocesan Collection takes place next weekend (6th & 7th Jan. ) for the Needs Of The Holy Land**:** This collection provides assistance to those in need in the Holy Land and helps fund 36 Dispensaries, 21 Charitable Institutes, 120 Centres of Education etc.

**CONFESSIONS**: Confessions after the 10.30 a.m. Mass on both Thursday & Saturday mornings next.

**FIRST FIRDAY CALLS** there will be no calls for the month of January this month. Usual *‘Cuppa’* will take place after Friday morning Mass in the Meeting Room and Vigil Mass on Friday evening at 6.15 p.m. of Feast of Epiphany. No Padre Pio Mass.

**FEAST OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** on Saturday next, Jan. 6th It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: Vigil Mass will take place on **Friday evening Jan. 5th at 6.15pm**. **Saturday Morning mass at 10.30am & 1.10pm.** *(lunch time***).**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** The next children's liturgy will be held next weekend (Sunday, Jan 7th 11.30am. Mass). The children's liturgy takes place at the Parish Meeting Room during the Liturgy of the Word.

**CELEBRATING THE BAPTISMS OF 2017:** As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord next weekend, we invite all 65 babies who were baptised here at St. Mary’s Church in 2017 to join us for our **Mass on Sunday next (Jan. 7th 2017**) **at 11.30 a.m**. A special New Year’s Blessing will be given to all our babies present. Our Parish Baptism Teams will be present. So we invite all parents, babies, god parents, or any others who were baptised throughout the past calendar year of 2017. Come and sit anywhere in either of the two centre rows in the church.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PUBLIC TALK WILL BE GIVEN DR. PATRICIA KIERAN** on “***Exploring Family Life***”.  will take place on Tuesday 9th January at 8pm in The Gleneagle, Killarney. This event is part of the Diocese of Kerry’s preparation towards the World Meeting of Families taking place next summer. This evening is free and everyone is welcome.

**PARISH OFFICE :** Reopens on **Wednesday morning next (Jan. 3rd ) at 11.00 a.m**. following the Christmas break.

**‘*Míle Buíochas’- Thank You – Happy New Year***

As we bring 2017 to a close, I feel that I’m very privileged and it is my honour to work with you as your Parish Priest here in Listowel. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the Parishioners, Fr. Martin Hegarty and Fr. Sean Sheehy sincerely for the support that you have given to the Parish and to me personally throughout the year. It takes a lot of people to make a Parish active and to keep it going in these difficult and challenging times. It could not happen only that we are blessed with good staff, Denise (*Parish Secretary*) and Catherine & Helen (*Sacristans)* and a lot of volunteers who are dedicated to our Parish. Many of you work behind the scenes and you might feel your work sometimes goes unnoticed but each person in their own right plays their part and each does it so well. I thank the **Parish Finance Council** who keeps an eye on the Parish Finances. I thank the **Parish Pastoral Council** and the **Safeguarding Children Committee** for their support and guidance. Thanks to the **Parish Liturgy Group** who co-ordinate the various ministries and liturgies. The **Eucharistic Ministers**, **the lectors / readers**, the **collectors**, the **counters** who count the offerings weekend after weekend, those who help to distribute the envelopes, the **Parish** **Choir**, the **Parish Folk Group**, the **members**, **directors** and **musicians**. We are blessed to have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** weekly in our Parish. Thank you all who make it possible. We have the **Padre Pio Prayer Group** who run their monthly meeting and the **Legion of Mary**- and I’m not forgetting my **Altar Servers**, their parents and teachers for their support. Also our **Young Readers Group** and **Children’s Liturgy Group**, **Parish Baptism Team** & **Frist Friday Cuppa Ladies.** You all do a great job and your help is much appreciated. To those who clean the church - not alone is this done for Christmas, but it is done quietly all year around. Those who donate flowers and look after both inside and outside the church and Presbytery grounds throughout the year. So many visitors remark on how well each place looks. This is a tribute to you, so take a bow. To those of you who put up the Crib and those who are available at a moments call to do the various maintenance jobs throughout the year. We are dependant on each other for friendship, support and finance. Thank you for your generosity and kindness to your Parish and to me personally right throughout the year. I pray that God will bless and reward you and your family with all his gifts this Christmas and throughout the new year of 2018.

***God Bless Fr. Declan.***