##

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**4th February 2018**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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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 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 3rd Feb. – 11th FEB**

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| Saturday 3rd  | Mary Hayes, O’Connell’s Ave. ***(Months Mind***)Brian Cusack, Convent View (***Months Mind)*** / Ralph Toomey, Dirha Cottages (**1st Anniv)** / Denis & Agnes Kelly, Mary Gore & Mike Kelly, Charles Street /  PJ Browne, Dublin & St. Brendan’s Tce. / John Keane, Ballygrennan /Nora Kenny, Patrick St. | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 4th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Miriam Carey, Convent St. | 11.30am |
| Mon 5th  | Sheila (Julia) Fitzell, Ballygologue Rd. & Nora Kenny, Patrick St. | 10.30am |
| Tues 6th  | Murish Bunyan, Convent Cross | 10.30am |
| Wed 7th  | Special Intention /Betty Ann Carroll, William St. **1st Anniversary** | 10.30am |
| Thurs 8th  | John & Lena Mulvihill, Kilarda | 10.30am |
| Fri 9th  | William (Bill) & Nellie Moloney, & Ellen Doona, Charles St.  | 10.30am |
|  Saturday  10th  | Edd Harnett, Hawthorn Drive**, Months Mind** & Eddie Harnett, Gortnaminch /Maura & Michel Chapman, Greenville /Kathleen & Patsy Stack, Bir. Rem. Gortcreen / Bridget (Bridie) Kelliher, O’Connell’s Ave. /Patsy & Chris Walsh, Market St. | 10.30am |
| Hannah O Connor, Lartigue Village, **Month Mind** / Michael Roche, London & O’Connell’s Ave. **1st Anniversary** /Robert McElligott, Convent St. /Tom & Nellie O Donnell, Mary Moran & Sarah Bambury, Ballylongford /Margaret (Madge) O Donoghue, Beale, Asdee | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
|  Sunday11th | Bryan, Kitty & Garry McMahon, Ashe St. | 9.00am |
| Nora Keane Moriarty, Luachra Rd. **Months Mind** / Noreen McGrath, Cahirdown /Special Intention /Martin Whelan, Finuge /John & Nellie Moloney, Charles St.  | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 4th February, Canon Declan 087-0908949 (emergencies only)***

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Pat Kearney, Clieveragh Pk.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Mary Prenderville, Moyessa.

Tom Walsh, Dublin, late of Church St.

Eddie Stack, died in New York late of Dromerin.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHILDREN LITURGY**: We welcome our children who are participating in our children’s liturgy at our ***Vigil Mass*** this weekend. The gospel will be explained to them in a child friendly manner in Parish Meeting Room. All children are welcome!

**BLESSING OF THROATS**: As this Saturday (Feb. 3rd ) is the ***Feast of St. Blaise*** we will offer the traditional ***‘Blessing of Throats’*** immediately after the Vigil Mass on this Saturday night.

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY:** From this weekend, and every week, the Catholic Communications Office will circulate a double-sided newsletter Choose Life 2018. Choose Life 2018 promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. Please check out … [www.chooselife.ie](http://www.chooselife.ie) there are also leaflets at the back of the church.

**FEBRUARY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH PROGRAMME**  for our First Holy Communion Children 2018 and their families will take place at our Vigil Mass on next Saturday night (10th feb.) at 6.15 p.m. The organising parents for the month of February are asked to meet Canon Declan for a short meeting in the Presbytery on Thursday evening next from 6.00 – 6.30 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES SERVICE OF COMMITMENT**: for all our Confirmation candidates of our Parish, their parents, teachers and sponsors taking place on Thursday night next (Feb. 8th) at 8.00 p.m. here in the Church. Fionnbar Walsh, Tralee (father of the late Donal Walsh) will be the guest speaker.

**LAY FUNERAL MINISTERS COURSE**: for Listowel Pastoral Area continues on Thursday next Feb. 8th in St. Patrick’s Hall. At 8.00 p.m. **LOURDES HELPERS ANNUAL CHURCH COLLECTION** which will support the many young helpers travelling to Lourdes next September takes place at all Masses next weekend 10th & 11th February after Holy Communion. This fund also assists some pilgrims that may not be able to afford to pay their full fare.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** on Sunday next Feb 11th - Feast Day of our Lady of Lourdes – Special prayers for the Sick will be offered at our Masses.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE** Desert Spirituality:  “Taking Time Out - Slowing the Pace” by Anne Alcock, Saturday, 10th Feb. 10.00am-4.00pm. The Jesus Prayer by Bishop Brendan Comiskey, Sat. 17th Feb. (Open to All) and Sun. 18th Feb. (*this is a Special Day for those in AA/Recovery*). Ministry in the Church by Bishop (Emeritus) Bill Murphy, Gathering for All Parish Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Parish personnel in the Kerry Diocese, Thurs. 22nd Feb. 7.00pm-9.30pm. Growing Old gracefully:  (open Day) Facilitated by Kathy Cunningham Sat. 24th Feb. 9.45am-4.00pm. – 0667134276.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND JULY 2018** We have at least 33 people already booked. There are still a few places left. You might consider joining us? There will be a film night soon for the people going and anybody interested. If you are interested please make contact with the Parish Office asap, as we will have to close shortly due to rising flight prices. Forms available from the Parish Office.

**PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2018**: are now in the Parish Office you can call into the office to collect yours for the start of March ***you will need your box number***. If you would like to start using the box system call into Denise at the Parish office.

**INTERESTING STATISTICS FROM OUR PARISH**

**FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS**

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| **Year** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** |
| **Baptisms** | 69 | 72 | 70 | 69 | 64 |
| **Confirmation** | 88 | 64 | 81 | 75 | 86 |
| **Marriages** | 14 | 10 | 17 | 16 | 22 |
| **Funerals** | 71 | 64 | 71 | 48 | 57 |

18**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ST BRIGID'S CROSSES**  for sale in the Parish Office, €5 each made by local ladies. All proceeds will go to Listowel Hospice.

**ONLY A FEW TICKETS ARE LEFT FOR FINBAR WRIGHT** for next Friday 9th in Abbeyfeale, Church in the Listowel Parish Office.

**LISTOWEL BRANCH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION** Wishes to thank everyone who helped and donated to their recent Church Gate Collection amount raised **€1,019.20.**

**LISTOWEL LIBRARY will run a book sale of good quality books from February 5th - 17th inclusive. Call in and see what’s available. Reasonably priced to suit all pockets.**

**TARBERT COM. FUNDRAISING ENVENT BINGO** Sun. 25th Feb. at 3pm. in the School books single €10 Double €15 jackpot sheets €2.

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

**WORKSHOP FOR THE PARISH CANTOR** There will be a workshop for the parish cantor on Thursday, March 1st 2018 in St. John's Parish Centre, Tralee.  The workshop will begin at 7:30pm.  The purpose of this workshop is to provide training and resources for cantors and those hoping to start this ministry in their parish.  There will be a particular focus on Lenten and Easter material.  The workshop will be facilitated by Ailish Walsh O' Connor (Director of Music, Castleisland Parish and St. Joseph's Presentation, Castleisland) and Tomás Kenny (Diocesan Pastoral Team).  Please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie if you would like to book a place.  Please book by Friday, February 23rd 2018 as places are limited.

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**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** The understanding self-harm programme runs atu the Listowel Family Resource Centre  on wednesday 28th feb from 10-4pm. contact toni on 23584. Places limited as programme is restricted to 20 people. A seminar/programme on suicide awareness entitled 'Safetalk' will take place at listowel family Resource Centre on Tuesday. February 27 from 10am-1pm. Further details available from Toni on 068 23584. Parents Plus courses Available in three different age groups 0-6. 6-11 and teens respectively, Further details available on this six-week course on 068 23584

Computers a variety of computer classes are available at the Listowel Family Resource Centre with something to suit all levels. ranging from basic computers to how to use your own tablet. Further details from 068 23584 Cooking for men.
Names are currently being taken for a four-week course in men's cookery start at Listowel FRC on feb 23es from 10am-12 noon. Places are limited for this four week course. Contact Toni on 068 23584 for further details Art Classes
will commence at Listowel Family Resource Centre on Monday. February 5. Further details from on 068 23584 as places are limited.

**ANAM CARA** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 13th February at 7:30pm in the 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 12th February or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH** "There is a discussion on women's health for all ages being held in Manor west hotel on Thursday February 8th at 7.15pm, this is a free event and guest speakers on the night will include Dr Mary McCaffrey (consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist) & Dr Louis Keary(consultant cardiologist)."

**THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY** operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society’s website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.