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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**18th March 2018**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**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 no funeral 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 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**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 17th March – 25th March**

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| Saturday 17th  | Bridget & Dan O Connor, Moyvane /Paddy & Jane Barry & Deceased Family Members, Dirha / Noreen O Connor, Bunagara /Nora, Martin & Pauline Carey, Listowel | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 18th  | People of the Parish | 9.00am |
| Michael Lawlee, Ballygologue Pk, **Months Mind** /Michael & Mary Buckley & Deceased Family Members, Finuge /Bridie Collins, Hawthorn Drive /Elise Collins, Ballygologue Park /Jack, Nora, Paddy & Eileen, McElligott, Coolaclarig / Kitty & Danny Broderick, Gortcreen | 11.30am |
| Mon 19th  | Private Intention  | 10.30am |
| Tues 20th  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed 21st  | Private Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 22nd  | Monica Corridan, Covent St. | 10.30am |
| Fri 23rd  | Joe Hannon, Charles St. / Special Intention | 10.30am |
|  Saturday 24th  | Private Intention  | 10.30am |
|  Jack Flavin, Church St. **Months Mind** /Nelius Leahy, Feale Drive /Gee & Peggy Dore, Charles St. & Lartigue Village Margaret & Denis McElligott & Deceased Family Members, Bedford /Anthony Greaney, Ballygologue Park /Tadgh & Betty Hickey, Clouncagh /Noreen Stack, Ballybunion | **Vigil 6.15pm** |
| **Palm Sunday****25th** | Dick Stokes & Deceased Family Members, Listowel & Mullingar | 9.00am |
| Philly McCarthy, Ennismore, **Months Mind** /Basil Brennan, Colbert St., **Months Mind** /Tom Hannon, Willow brook**, Months Mind** /Michael Quille, Woodford  | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for Listowel Deanery on this Sunday, 18th***

***Fr. Brick, 087-9473317 (emergencies only)***

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: Danny McCarthy, Lyre & Joan & Paddy Sheehy, Duagh / Paddy Halpin, Greenville/ David Bunyan Sen. Market St. & Maureen & Joseph Lambert, Wexford / Helen Kennelly, Market St. / Patrick Brennan, Co. Leitrim.

**RECENT DEATHS** Teresa O Connor, Greenville.

Jimmy Roche, Carrigcannon, Lyreacrompane

Bernie O’Connor, Lartigue Village.

Eileen Byrne, nee Mahoney, Clonmel, late of Charles St.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on this Bank Holiday **Monday 19th March** normal office hours resumes on Tuesday 20th.

**DUAGH PARISH CONFIRMATION DAY**: on **Tuesday next, 20th in Duagh Church at 3.30 p.m**. The 45 candidates and family members are asked to be seated in the church by **3.15p.m**.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**, The film night ***for people booked*** is on Thursday next 22nd March starting at 7.30pm sharp in the Parish Meeting Room.  Those looking to pay their balance can contact Premier Travel direct on 021-4277700.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** a short presentation will take place on Friday morning after the 10.30 a.m. Mass..

**CLOSING MASS FOR DUAGH PARISH MISSION:** Fr. Derek Meskell CSSR will return to Duagh Church to bring their recent Parish Mission to a close on **Friday night next, March 23rd at 8.00 p.m**. It was unfortunate to bring their great Mission to an abrupt close due to the weather recently but you are all invited back to this *‘Mass of Thanksgiving’*.

**PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY:** is Sunday next **March 25th** as we begin Holy Week and celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. The blessing of Palms will take place at each of masses in the Parish.

**HOLY WEEK CONFESSION FOR OUR PASTORAL AREA**: will take place  **on Monday week 26th March at 8.00 p.m**. All the priests of the Pastoral Area hope to be present and we invite you to do your Easter duty on the night. Thanks.

**VISIT OF ICON OF HOLY FAMILY IN THE DOCESE OF KERRY**: As the ICON travels throughout the country in preparation for WMF2018 in Dublin next August, the ICON will visit Listowel, Kenmare, and Killarney & Tralee. It will be here in ***St. Mary’s Church on the afternoon of Monday April 9th to the morning of Wednesday, April 11th***. More details later.

**BISHOP RAY INVITES CANDIDATES TO CONSIDER PERMANENT DIACONATE**: ‘*We are hoping to have a ‘****come and see year****’ starting in September for candidates from four Munster dioceses.* One of our recently ordained deacons will speak in Listowel in early in April. More details later.

**PRO LIFE:** We bring your attention to this week’s Issue 7 of weekly newsletter for **Choose Life 2018**. All issues are also available on our diocesan website at [www.dioceseofkerry](http://www.dioceseofkerry) (*Home Page under Diocesan News*). Please inform yourself on this important issue.

**NORTH KERRY PASTORAL AREA LENTEN TALK**: Tuesday 20th March in Asdee, Dr. Patricia Kieran Exploring Family Life. Come to hear Patricia Kieran explore Family Life in a positive light at 7.30 in Asdee Community Centre – an inspirational speaker! All are welcome and there is no admission fee.

**CORK MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**: Cork International Hotel, 13/04/18–15/04/18 Marriage Encounter is a Weekend getaway experience for all married couples who want to rediscover the joy of Marriage. Tel:  086 8334382- / [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**DAFFODIL DAY IS FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd**  Funds raised from our Daffodil Day campaign support life-saving cancer research and support and care for people affected by cancer. Many Thanks.

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY CENTRE** AGM in on 28th April at 7.00pm.

**LISTOWEL VTOS IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS** of FREE Adult Education in Listowel this year. VTOS is for Adults who want to upskill or retrain in a friendly Learning environment. If you are in receipt of a DSP payment for more than 156 days and over 21 you are eligible to apply for  VTOS. Come along to our OPEN DAY on Thursday March 22 between 10 and 1 pm  in North Kerry College (listowel community college).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - BAG PACK FOR NCBI**

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) is looking for volunteers for its fundraising bag pack in Tesco Listowel  on Saturday 14th April. If you can volunteer for a couple of hours please contact Collette McEntee on 01 882 1970.

**KERRY RIGHT TO LIFE** On Sunday March 25th at 6pm John Waters, Kathy Sinnott and Fr. Marcel de La Cruz will talk in Ballygarry House Hotel, Tralee. Please follow us on facebook Kerry Right To Life for all upcoming events. If you would like to be a team in the Listowel area or in Dingle area please contact us. kerryrighttolife@gmail.com

**THE BRICKX CLUB**: Easter Camp in Seanchaoi Centre March 26th – 28th March 10.00 a.m. to 1.00m p.m. Lego & Arts & Crafts suitable for 4 – 12 year olds. Bookiongs 089- 4459992

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

**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.