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 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Corpus Christi 3rd June 2018**

**Parish Priest: Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hours emergency 0870908949.**Email:** listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie. *Newsletter notices have to be in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Funerals** take place Mondays to Saturdays at 11.30am. **Baptisms** take place on Saturdays at 4pm. **Confessions:** Saturdays after 10.30am Mass. Check out our Parish Web Page at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) for a live stream of all Masses. Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 2nd – 10th June**

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| Saturday2nd  | Teresa O Mahoney, Lenamore /Elizabeth & Maurice O Sullivan & Michael Keane, Colbert St, Maire & Dick Kiely, Church St. / Pat, Hanora & Edward O Connor, Convent St. /Mary Gore, Charles St. / Eileen Goulding, Knockane Village / Exam Students | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 3rd   | Eileen & Thomas Healy, Clountubird /Sr. Peal Deery, Sr.’s of Mercy Dundalk  | 9.00am |
| Jason Maurice Barry, London & O’Connell’s Ave. **Months Mind** /John B Keane, William St. /Peter & Eileen McGrath, Convent St. / Pat Joe, Noreen & James Browne, O’Connell’s Ave. / Tim Clifford, Chicago / ***Writers Week Deceased /*** Thomas, Nora & Robert Scannell, Skehenerin & Michael & Patrick Sullivan, Coilbee /Teresa Stack, Ballinruddery  | 11.30am |
| Mon 4th  | John Lynch & Baby Jack Lynch, The Square & Sean O Connor, **Recently Deceased** | 10.30am |
| Tues 5th  | Special Intention /Edward (Sonny) Patrick Kelly, Pittsburgh, USA & Lisselton & Lixnaw /Denis (Sonny) Galvin, Clounmacon | 10.30am |
| Wed 6th  | Moss & Mary Keane, Clieveragh  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 7th  | Catherine O Sullivan, Clieveragh Downs, Birthday Remembrance /Cyril Puttock, Charles St.  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 8th  |  | 10.30am |
|  Saturday 9th  | Catherine, Thomas & Anthony McElligott, Greenville | 10.30am |
| Margaret Broderick, Inch, **Months Mind** /Pat McElligott, Convent St. / Esther McAuliffe, Church St. /John O Sullivan, Banemore /Betty Quille, Church St. / Michael Canavan, O’Connell’s Ave. / Mickey & Margaret Kennelly, Coolaclarig / Tommy & Bridget Hannon, Courthouse Rd  | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sunday10th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Ellen & Denis Daly, Michael & Eileen Day, Denis, Kitty & Johnny Daly, Mary & Pat O Donoghue, Noreen Daly & Baby Helen Daly Knockane  | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our area on this Sunday June , 3rd***

***Fr. Brendan Walsh, 087-7913271 (emergencies only)***

**RECENT DEATHS** **Maureen O Sullivan nee Galvin**, Derry.

**Robert Elston,** Crough, Lisselton & London.

**Michael O Hanlon,** Copperbeech House, Ballybunion Rd.

**Dolly Doyle nee Kissane**, Wexford, late of Brosna.

**Margaret Jolly nee Lyons**, England, late of Dirha East.

**Esther Byrne nee Keane,** Limerick, late of Kilmorna.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Mary Gore, Charles St./ Jane Bunyan, Coolkeragh / Sonny McCarthy, Gortnaminch / Thomas, Nora & Robert Scannell, Skehenerin / Michael & Patrick Sullivan, Coilbee / Mary Halpin nee O’Connor, Bridge Rd.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**WELCOME:**  We welcome our children joining us for the children’s liturgy on this Saturday night. Likewise we welcome our students starting either the Junior & Leaving Cert Exams on Wednesday next and participating in our Vigil Mass on this Saturday night. Also we welcome all joining us for our Annual Writers Week Mass on this Sunday morning at 11.30 a.m. . Wishing you all God’s blessing.

**NINE DAYS OF PRAYER/NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART** started last Thursday & continue to Friday, next June 8th (Feast of Sacred Heart) at the 10.30 a.m. mass each day here in Listowel. Prayer cards will be at the back of the Church.

**PARISH CEMETERY MASSES JUNE 2018** St. Michaels, Tuesday, 26th. St. John Paul 11 Wednesday, 27th. Finuge, Thursday, 28th . All at 8.00 p.m.

**KERRY DIOCESE HELPING FINANCE WMF 2018** The final collection to help finance the World Meeting of Families will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday June 17th. I thank you for your generous contribution to the previous collections. I ask you to consider being especially generous to this collection. With the visit of Pope Francis and the need to plan to accommodate over half a million at the final Mass (hopefully huge numbers from our diocese will be present), costs are enormous. A figure of twenty million Euro is being mentioned. It is vital that each diocese makes a significant contribution. You can donate via the Masses on that weekend or you might consider putting your contribution in an envelope and marking it WMF 2018and bringing it with you to church any weekend. This collection deserves a special effort on all our parts. In hosting WMF 2018 Ireland is doing a great service for the whole Church and the world, reminding us all in the words of Pope Saint John Paul: “The future of humanity passes by way of marriage and the family**”. Bishop Ray**

**PARISH OFFICE** is closed on this ***Whit bank holiday Monday, June 4th*** Normal office hours resumes on Tuesday morning.

**A PASTORAL MESSAGE IN THE LIGHT OF THE REFERENDUM RESULT.** As the result of the Referendum on Friday May 25th sinks in there is great disappointment among pro-life people. Our Irish Constitution now goes silent regarding the unborn and their human right to life. Those who campaigned for the right to life of the unborn left no stone unturned. We owe them a debt of gratitude. We think especially of those from our own communities. There is need for all to reflect for a time on the campaign and the results. There is a need also for emotions to settle and heal. The past two months have been very difficult for those campaigning and for the country as a whole.

The pro-life task of the Church in Ireland is to continue to lead hearts and minds to always choose and cherish life. In the words of Pope Francis: “Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognised as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity.” (Letter to Brazilian families for National Family Week, August 6, 2013) His words remind us that this is already the position of both the Church and pro-life people in so many nations worldwide. We are most familiar with this in England and the U.S.

We are called to bear witness to the rights of both the pregnant woman and the unborn child with both compassion and mercy. In our prayers let us remember mothers and fathers and families everywhere and in all circumstances. Remember especially all coping with difficult pregnancies. Our hope is in Christ our Saviour. His Way is always the way of love. Amid all difficulties may love give strength and courage, and may love prevail. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love. This is my commandment, love one another, as I have loved you. Jn 15:9-13.

***Bishop Ray Browne, Diocese of Kerry, Corpus Christi 2018***

**MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT** Moyvane & Knockanure Restoration Fund presents Michael English on Tuesday 5th June in Moyvane Church tickets €30 in Listowel Parish Office. ***Only a handful of tickets left.***

***Please Note:*** **Parish Social “thank you’ night to all the volunteers”**

Ministers of the Eucharist, Mass Readers & Student Readers, Parish Choir, Parish Folk Group, Altar Servers, Pastoral Council and Liturgy Group, Finance Council, Children’s Liturgy Group, Child Protection Committee, Parish Sacristan’s, Parish Secretary, Baptism & Funeral Teams, Church Cleaners, Collectors and Counters, will take place in the **Listowel Arms Hotel on Friday 29th June at 8.00pm.**

***Check out our Church notice board and Web Page***

 ***at*** [***www.listowelparish.com***](http://www.listowelparish.com)for more notices

**ST. JOHN’S BALLYBUNION CEMETERY MASS** Will take place on Friday 8th June at 7.30pm.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE**:  Enneagram: Discover the unique person you were made to be! Enneagram is a powerful tool for understanding yourself and helping you to communicate effectively with others.  Friday 15th - Sun 17th June. For info and to book an event please call 0667134276.

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** is delighted to announce a new initiative Social Prescribing for adults over the age of 18. If you or someone you know has low self-esteem/confidence, is lonely, feeling isolated, need to meet new people or need support in their well-being and health then please feel free to contact or Social Prescribing Service in Listowel Family Resource Centre on (068) 23584/ (087) 4132 521.

**ST. ITA`S FAITH CAMP 2018 ABBEYFEALE** August 7th – August 10th We need Volunteers from 16 years upwards to help out at our camp. 4 days full of fun, laughter and joy is guaranteed.

Please contact Martina (0872788834) immediately as we need every volunteer garda vetted before JUNE 1st. We will also need Host Families to accommodate Fr. Patrick and his team.

**CORK AUTISM CONFERENCE 2018 -  Re-Thinking Autism - A Positive and Integrative Approach,**Sunday September 30th, Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas Cork. Open to Parents, Families, Caregivers, Adults with ASD, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism and aspergers syndrome. More info **call 089 239 8900** or here:  [**www.bookwhen.com/autismcork**](http://www.bookwhen.com/autismcork)