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**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)

 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**2nd December 2018**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 2nd – 11th December**

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| Sat.1st  |  Bridget Toomey, Dirha Cottages / Kathleen Dillon, Gortcreen / Margaret Lynch Glin, Limerick / Philip Hennessy, Killocrim / Jimmy Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tce. / Michael McAuliffe, Church St. /Maurice, Annie & Patrick Relihan, Ballylongford /Special Intention / Andy Sayers, Greenville /Toddy O Connor, Church St. / **ENROLMENT OF OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2019** | 6.15pmVigil |
| Sun. 2nd   | Peg O Conor, Greenville | 9.00am |
| Martin Scanlon, Ballygologue Pk. **Months Mind** /Mary Brennan, Charles St. **Months Mind** /David O Brien, Kilmeany, Kilmorna  | 11.30am |
| Mon 3rd  | Deceased Members of the O’Rourke & White Family / Maurice & Margaret Joy, Greenville | 10.30am |
| Tues 4th  | James Mulligan, Dublin /Kitty Healy nee Collins, Convent St. & Dec Family / Margaret Nolan, O’Connell’s Ave. & Dec Family | 10.30am |
| Wed 5th  | Bridget Teresa Gallagher nee O Sullivan, Killocrim**, 1st Ann.** & Dec. Family | 10.30am |
| Thurs 6th  | Martin Scanlon, Ballygologue Pk. /Michael Meehan, Lartigue Village  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 7th  | Claudia Costello nee Shine, Coolaclarig & Ballygologue Pk. /Joseph O Hanlon, Woodford |  10.30am |
| Patsy Lyons, Clieveragh/Day Hayes, Bridge Rd. & Dec. Family |  **6.15pm.** |
|  Sat. 8th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 10.30am |
| Special Intention | 1.10pm. |
| Peggy O Connor nee Enright, Bridge Rd**. Months Mind** & Kevin O Connor, Joe & Julie Enright /Helen McConnell nee Rowan, O’Connell’s Ave. /Caroline Enright, Feale Drive / Jackie Halpin, Dromin / Margaret Moloney, Derry / John O Halloran, The Meadows / Willie Doyle, Fourhane /Eleanor Culbert nee Moore, Charles St. & Newbridge | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sun. 9th  | Tim & Teresa Sweeney & Jack & Jane Kelly, Finuge | 9.00am |
| John Broderick, **1st Ann**. & Sheila Broderick, Coolnaleen / Nora Walsh, Greenville Rd. /Timmy Kennelly, Bedford /Joseph & Hannah Walsh, Dirha East & Dec. Family | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our area on this Sunday 2nd December***

***Fr. Sean Hanafin 087-8341083 (emergencies only)***

**RECENT DEATHS:** Please remember in your prayers our recent deaths: † **William (Bill) Gleeson,** Bunagara.

**†John Relihan,** Bedford whose funerals took place here

† **Michael Dillon Junior**, late of Dromerin, died in essex, England.

a*nd for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Patrick Carmody, Skehenerin / Margaret Dillon, Meen / Tom Dowd, O’Dowd’s Rd. / Joan Keating, Dirha Cottages.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**ENROLMENT OF OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FOR 2019:**

We welcome our Candidates, their family members and teachers who are joining us at the Vigil Mass on this Saturday.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY GROUP**: Also present with us at the Vigil Mass are our children joining the Children’s Liturgy Group.

**ANNUAL KERRY DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE COLLECTION:** will take place immediately after Holy Communion this weekend.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LISTOWEL.** will speak at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your on-going support. ANNUAL COLLECTION outside the church is next weekend (Dec. 8th / 9th)

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

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**: Canon Declan will be doing his usual Communuin Calls on this Tuesdayafternoon (Dec. 4th ) for Christmas time. If anyone wishes a visit just give the Parish Office a call.

**DECEMBER PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION 2019**: will take place a t the Vigil Mass next Saturday night 8TH. The Parents and children are all asked to attend. There will be a meeting of the organising group with Fr. Declan in the Presbytery on Tuesday evening at 6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

**PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL’S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** will be held in St. Mary’s Church Listowel on Thursday night next ( 6th Dec.) @ 7pm. All welcome.

**MASS AT WRITERS GROVE CENTRE:** Friday next at 3.00 p.m.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V.M.:** is Saturday next Dec. 8th - a Holy Day of obligation. ***Vigil Mass on Friday at 6.15 pm. and Masses on Saturday at 10.30 am. & 1.10pm.***

**A CELEBRATION OF STILLNESS FOR ADVENT** The Diocesan Choir and Martina Lehane Sheehan will lead an evening of prayer, music and song on Monday Dec 3rd in the Church of the Resurrection, Park Road, Killarney @ 8pm. All are welcome and admission is free.

**KNOCK SHRINE 2018 NIGHT VIGIL** Fri. December 7th 2018

Fare €30 per seat. Coach will leave Listowel @ 4.30pm

Phone (068) 21707 or (087) 3966399. Vigil Programme, 10pm. Confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation, 12am. Vigil in Basilica and 4am. Concelebrated Mass.

***PLEASE NOTE*** all St. Mary’s Church Christmas cards are sold out.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**FUNDRAISING BAZAAR WITH A DIFFERENCE** in aid of Chernobyl Children’s Fund. Food, feet and fun! Come check it out. This Sunday, 2nd December @ Seanchaí Centre 10 - 4pm.

**DUAGH CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** this Sunday Dec. 2nd from 1-5pm in Sports Complex All welcome. Contact 087-2684540.
**IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOC. SHOP** Will hold its annual Christmas Sale on Thursday 6th Dec. commencing at 10.30am.

**CLOUNMACON COMMUINTY CENTRE CHIRSTMAS GATHERING** will take place on Friday 7th Dec. at 7.30pm.

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIRED CHRISTMAS LUNCH** In the Arm’s Hotel on Tuesday 11th December at 2.30pm.

**KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS Presents a Gala Christmas concert** in association with Kerry Choral Union on Sunday 16th Dec. in St. Mary’s Church, Listowel. Tickets from parish office & Pat Whelan’s Shop €10.

**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.

**LISTOWEL A PRINTER’S LEGACY**: book launch by Vincent Carmody. The story of printing in North Kerry 1870-1970. In the Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square, Listowel on Sunday 9th Dec. 2018 at 7pm. Speakers, Gabriel Fitzmaurice, Kay Caball, Sean Kelly M.E.P., Mr. Justice Bryan McMahon.

**“A NIGHT FOR MOMS!** “ ***Surviving and Thriving the Christmas Period***” with Astrid Longhurst on **Wednesday 5th December at 8pm** St Brigid’s FRC, Tralee. This is a free event hosted by Kerry PND. All welcome. Contact 068 23584 or 0867872107 for more information.”

**PRAISE FOR PIETA** an evening of music, song and reflection, featuring The Oliver Hurley school of Musical Theatre and Siamsa Tire Choir. Sunday December 2nd at Our Lady and St Brendan’s Church Tralee at 7.30pm.

Further Notices are on our Website at

[www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com)

**CATHOLIC DOCTORS’ CONFERENCE:** The Irish Catholic Doctors’ Learning Network presents a one-day conference: **“Ethics & Professionalism: Informed by Faith”** with national and international speakers (See Poster on Church noticeboard), at Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin, on Saturday 8th December 2018, 9am to 5pm. Cost €100, including lunch. Awarded **6 CPD Points** by the ICGP. Of interest to doctors, nurses, midwives, health and social care professionals, priests, religious and all healthcare workers. Further information and on-line registration at [www.icdln.ie](http://www.icdln.ie/), the Irish Catholic Doctors’ Learning Network.

**ANAM CARA KERRY,** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 11th of December at 7:20pm in Recovery Haven, 5 Haig's Terrace, Killierisk, Tralee, Co. Kerry. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.