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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***

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**16th December 2018**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 16th – 23rd December**

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| Sat.15th  | Mary Elizabeth Kiernan, Hawthorn Drive, **Months Mind** / Elizabeth (Lila) Carroll, The Square /Nora Creane nee Fitzmaurice, Ennismore & England / David Cronin, Coolagown /Breda Walsh, Finuge /Peg Harrington, London & Ennismore | 6.15pmVigil |
| Sun. 16th   | Eily & Denis Long, Knocknagoshel & Daniel, Thady, Masie & Eileen McCarthy Duagh | 9.00am |
| Elizabeth (Betty) O Sullivan, Charles St. **1st Ann.** /Donal Browne, **1st Ann**. & Brenda Browne, England & O’Connell’s Ave. / Tom Keane, Derry / John Sexton, William St. /Deceased members of the Bartishell Family, Convent St. /Dec. Mem. of the Bartishell Family, Convent St.  | 11.30am |
| Mon 17th  | Anne & Kevin Croghan, Charles St. | 10.30am |
| Tues 18th  | Patrick Joseph Mulligan, Dublin /Special Intention / Private Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed 19th  | Jack & Mamie O Connor & Angela Caslin /Special Intention / Mass of Healing  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 20th  | Martha Lyons, Feale Drive & Tommy Lyons, O’Connell’s Ave. **both 1st Anniversary’s**  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 21st  | ***People of the Parish*** |  10.30am |
|  Sat. 22nd  | William (Bill) Gleeson, Bunagara, **Months Mind** /Bob Slemon, Feale Drive, **1st Anniversary**  | 10.30am |
| Edward Harnett, Hawthorn Drive, **1st Anniversary /** Sean Curtin, St. Brendan’s Tec. /William Gorman, Knockane /Sr. Basil McAuliffe, Church St. /Peter McCarthy Jun. London & Tanavalla | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sun. 23rd  | Maureen & John Joy, Ballygologue Rd. & Dec. Mem. of the Joy & O’Connor Families /James, Nora & Colin Hickey, Convent View & London  | 9.00am |
| Evelyn Scannell, Dromin, **Months Mind** /Edmund Murphy, Behins  | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area on this Sunday (16th Dec. ) Fr. Declan, 087-090808949 (emergencies only)***

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS:** Please remember in your prayers our recent deaths:

**† Noreen Hickey**, Ballygologue Park

**† Eván Murphy,** Upper William Street

**† Fr. Brian Dalton**, Bridge Road & Florida

 † **Eileen Scott nee Enright,** died in Leamington Spa, England late of Billerough.

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** Margaret O Sullivan, Bedford / Catherine Brennan, Skehenerin.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS ADVENT ADORATION** continues from 3 to 6pm. in Adoration Chapel. *All are welcome*!

**O’CONNELL’S AVE. GROTTO** Rosary on Sunday 9th at 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE / CONFESSIONS**: will take place on this ***Monday (Dec. 17th) at 8 p.m.*** here at St. Marys Church. It will consist of a short penitential service followed by the opportunity of individual confession with all of priests of the Pastoral Area present. We appeal to as many people as possible to avail of this for Christmas Confessions.

**CHRISTMAS SCHOOL MASS:** Tuesday morning next (Dec. 18th ) for Scoil Reálta na Máidne (Boys School) at 9.30 p.m.

**FURTHER CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS** will take place immediately after the 10.30 a.m. Mass on next Thursday, Friday & Saturday *(Dec. 20th – 22nd).*

**OUR NEW LOOK CRIB:** We invite you to come and say a prayer at our Crib here at St. Mary’s Church which has been revamped this year. A special ‘***Thanks’*** to Tom & John O’Connell, *(Woodford),* Maurice Walsh, *Ballygologue Park*, Micheál Kelleher *(Artist)* & Jimmy Finucane *(electrician)* who all played their part so fabulously. You’ve done a great job. Well done to you all. It will be blessed at the children Mass on Christmas Eve on Mon. Dec. 24th

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2018** which supports your own priests and the priests of the Diocese are due at this time. There are special white envelopes in your offering Envelope Box or should you not be using the envelope system, there are loose white envelopes at the back of the Church or use any envelope. The Christmas Dues collection will be taken up immediately after Holy Communion throughout the Diocese at all Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**PROPOSED PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND FALL 2020:** Following the success of the lovely pilgrimage to Poland last July our Parish Pastoral Council are looking at organising a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the **fall of 2020**. At the moment we just want people to express an interest in this ‘*once in a life time trip’* to see if it would be worthwhile or viable. Please express your interest by giving your name to ***Denise (***Parish Office) before the end of January 2019. *More details later*.

**PLEASE NOTE PARISH OFFICE** will close for Christmas break on Friday evening next (21st Dec.) and will reopen Wednesday morning 2nd Jan. 2019 for the New Year. Feel free to contact Fr. Declan at our daily masses throughout the Christmas period and is available for all emergencies on the Parish Mobile : ***087-0908949***. ***Thanks***.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**: ***(Please note the times)***

**Christmas Eve – Monday, Dec. 24th**

**5.30 p.m.** Children’s Vigil Mass with the Parish Folk Group.

**8.00 p.m.** Mass of the Nativity with Parish Choir.

**Christmas Day Mass: Tuesday, Dec. 25th**

**9.00 a.m.** Christmas Morning Mass

**11.30 a.m**. Christmas Day Mass with the Parish Choir.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**NOVAS A CHARITY WHO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS IN KERRY** are looking for Volunteers with a few hours to spare for a street collection in Listowel on Friday the 21st of December, 2018.  Anybody interested please contact Martina O'Connor on 087 7794764 or e-mail *martina.oconnor@novas.ie*

**MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE** will hold its January Open Day on Saturday, 12 of January, 2019 (10am-1pm). Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff, mingle with current MIC students and take a tour of the campus. In addition, attendees can find out about the range of accommodation options and student supports. For more info: visit - [www.micopenday.ie](http://www.micopenday.ie).

**THE LIXNAW TURKEY TROT** takes place on Sunday 23rd December at 11.00am in aid of the Tralee Together Special Olympics Club. Run walk or Trot it, family friendly, refreshments at the finish line.

Further NoticesWebsite at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com)