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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 Lent**

**10th of March 2019**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 10th – 17th March**

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| Sat.9th  | Martin Fitzmaurice, John B Keane Grove /Dick & Mary Pierse, Market St./ Willie Walsh, Dirha West  | 6.15pmVigil |
| Sun. 10th   | Noel Woods, London / Paddy & Mona O Connell, Ballygologue Rd & Nora Dwyer, Ballygologue Rd. & Shrone / Deceased Members of the Morris & O Neill Families | 9.00am |
| Michael & Bridget O Carroll, Clieveragh /James & Josephine Allen, Killocrim / Paddy & Eileen McElligott & John & Noreen McElligott, Coolaclarig /Peter & Annie Heaphy, O’Connell’s Ave.  | 11.30am |
|  Mon 11th  | Pat & Kitt Dowling, Bridge Rd. | 10.30am |
| Tues 12th  | Colette Mahoney, London, Birthday Rem. | 10.30am |
| Wed 13th  | Mary & Michael Halpin, Ballygologue Pk &Ian McCarthy, Derrindaffe, Duagh  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 14th  | John, Mary & Tim Dillon, Knockanassig | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 15th  |  |  10.30am |
| Sat. 16th  | People of the Parish  | 10.30am |
| Paddy & Jane Barry & Dec. Family, Dirha Cottages / Elise Collins, Ballygologue Park /Eileen & Brian McCaffery nee Buckley, William St. & Patrick Buckley / Ned & Joan Brick, Sheila Mocklor, Mary Kelly, Breda Sullivan & Francis Carton, Listowel & Athea /Peggy Dore, O’Connell’s Ave & Lartigue Village & Gee Dore, Charles St. /John Enright, Feale Dr. /Bridget & Dan O Connor, Moyvane /William, Bridget & Nora Brosnan, Behins /Noreen O Connor, Bunagara  | Vigil 6.15pm |
|  **Lá le Pádraig**  Sun.17th  | Joan Dell, Bolton’s Cross, **Months Mind** /Dan & Deb Guiney, Sr. Mary Tarrant, Gortcreen | 9.00am |
| Patrick (Paudeen) Moloney, Woodford, **Months Mind** & Birthday Rem.  | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 10th March Fr. Declan O Connor, 087-0908949 (emergencies only).***

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

 **† Johanna Watkins,** Cahirdown.

† **Edward Carey,** Islandganniv.

† **Mary Foley,** Coolnalaght.

† **Elizabeth Flaherty,** Derry.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** John L. O’Sullivan, Ennismore / Dan Joe Leahy, Shrone / Patrick Lane, Coolnaleen.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR EMIGRANT SERVICES** will be taken up at all masses throughout the Diocese next weekend. For the past 60 years the Irish Church has had a Council for Emigrants. It is estimated that over 30,000 Irish nationals emigrated last year. Services are provided in cities In England and the U.S. and elsewhere. Where our emigrants are in need these services seek to help. For example in recent years the services have sought to assist elderly Irish in need, and also, to provide outreach to Irish people in prison (estimated number 1,200), especially in Britain. Our diocesan collection provides much needed funds for these services. Be generous, - it is our own people that are in need.

It will take place immediately after Holy Communion. Thank you.

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

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY**: is Sunday next - our National Feast Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are. Vigil Mass on Saturday evening at 6.15 p.m. and on Sunday at 9.00 a.m. & 11.00am.There will be a flavour of Gaeilge and our Irish culture at all our masses with the Parish Folk Group and the Parish Choir. Thanks to our local Coiste Glór na nGael and our Liturgy Group for their help with the liturgy of the masses.

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE BOXES**: are available at the back of the church. Please collect your envelope which contains all the info on this year’s campaign. All your Lenten offering which help the poorest of the poor in the Third World can be returned to the church during Holy Week.

**DIOCESE OF KERRY LENTEN PROGRAMME 2019** are at the back of the Church. The North Kerry & Listowel Pastoral Area are hosting ***Finding God in time of trouble*** with Olive Foley, (widow of Munster coach Anthony 'Axel' Foley) was one of the guest speakers at the world meeting of Families last year & Fr. Donal O’Connor one of our own diocesan priests who is Chaplain, Inst. Of Technology, Tralee. Monday 25th March at 8pm. Adm free.

**LISTOWEL LENTEN PARISH RETREAT:** will be held at Ardfert Retreat Centre on Wed. 27th March from 7.30pm-10.30pm. Please contact John McElligott 0861617528.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**DAFFODIL DAY LISTOWEL** takes place on March 22nd. Here in Listowel our local Branch of The Irish Cancer society will be out in force as usual looking for public support. We would be most grateful if any of you would have surplus Daffodils in your garden to donate them to us. We would also welcome Volunteers for a 1-2 hour stint Many Thanks Noreen 087/1946936.

**LISTOWEL ACTIVE RETIREMENT TEA DANCE** On Sunday 24th March in Listowel Arms Hotel 3-6pm. Music & dancing, refreshments served. All welcome.

 **WHO WANT S TO BE A THOUSANDAIRE?** The Listowel Arms Hotel Saturday 30th March at 8pm. Tickets €20 each or group ticket for €50. Ticket hotline:068-21994 Hosted by Scoil Réalta Na Maidine.

**FUNDRAISING VARIETY CONCERT**: to raise money towards getting a Bus for St. John of God Kerry Services. Friday 26th April at the Tinteán Theatre, Ballybunion at 7.30pm. Special prize of €100 on the door ticket. Tickets can be purchased in Listowel Parish Office.

**MARY TERESA BUCKLEY** Wishes to thank everyone who donated to Lollipop Day last Friday at super valu, Listowel. Amount raised was €445.80.

**HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT** Have you ever thought about hosting an international student for a short or long period of time?  I can give you all the information and support you need to help you decide. Contact Denise Lynch on 0877431373.

**TOASTMASTERS**: It will be a St Patrick's Day them when Listowel Toastmasters have their next meeting on Thursday March 14th at 8pm in the Listowel Arms Hotel. Plenty of conversation and laughs guaranteed. All welcome!

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** A speech and language talk aimed at parents of children aged 18 months. The programme will cover a variety of areas including; basic language strategies; stimulation ideas; how to cope with children struggling with language difficulties and how to learn preventative measures A speech and language therapist will also be in attendance on the day to answer any questions that parents in attendance may have.  The talk takes place on Monday. March 11 at 10.30am. Further details available from Toni Clarke on (068 23584).

Further Notices on our Website at

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

**HEALING WEEKEND**: A Weekend of Praise Worship and Healing in the Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork on Saturday and Sunday March 9th and 10th 2019. Holy Mass and Confessions on both days. Speakers include Maria Vadia Florida, Fr. John Keane Macroom, Fr. Tony Emeka Nigeria, Canon Michael Fitzgerald Mitchelstown. Mir Music Ministry. Commencing 9.am both days. Admission is free. Enquires to 087 2405568.

**AWARENESS – A PATH WITH A HEART** ...a workshop with Dr. Francis Valloor Saturday 23 March 2019 Venue: KDYS, Fairhill, Killarney Registration from 9.30am to start at 10am sharp

Cost €25 or €20 for concession (OAP or unwaged). Bring own lunch or eat locally, tea/coffee supplied.Pre Booking essential c/o Ann Fagan 064 6632381 (Killarney) or Sylvia Thompson 085 863 2623 (Tralee) or sylviajms11@gmail.com Organised by the Kerry Christian Meditation Groups (John Main Tradition).

**DUAGH SPORTS & LEISURE COMPLEX** All roads lead to Duagh Sports & Leisure Complex on Thursday 04th April 2019 for The Irish Country Music Concert presented by Mike Gardner of Country Corner - Clare FM.A fantastic line up comprises The Ryan Turner Band, Louise Morrissey, Gerry Guthrie, Cathy Durkin, John Hogan, Michael Collins. Following on from the great success of last years "Showbands concert" this promises to be an event not to be missed. Doors open 7.30pm and Concert starts @8.30pm. Tickets €25 available from 087-2684540 or any committee member. Lots of Spot prizes, Full Bar Facilities as well as Tea/Coffee.