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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](mailto: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***

**St. Patrick’s Day**

**17th of March 2019**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

*fitted with a loop*

*system. Please adjust*

*your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 17th – 24th March**

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| Sat.  16th | 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 /  Joe Hilliard, Cahirdown | 6.15pm  Vigil |
| **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 |
| Mon 18th | Robert Purcell, Knockamoohane, Bir. Rem. | 10.30am |
| Tues 19th |  | 10.30am |
| Wed 20th | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 21st | Margaret O Connor, Listowel | 10.30am |
| Fri. 22nd | Monica Corridan nee Chute, Charles St & Convent St. | 10.30am |
| Sat.  23rd | Joe Hannon, Charles St. /  Patrick & Nora Sheehy, Bedford /  Batt Maher, Drombeg, Birthday Rem. | 10.30am |
| Eileen Fitzgibbon, The Square & Woodlawn,1st Anniversary / Paddy Leahy, Feale Drive /  Denis O Shea, Bridge Rd. /  Helen Nagle nee O Connor, Skehenerin /  Anthony Greaney, Ballygologue Pk. /  Margaret & Denis McElligott & Dec. Family, Bedford /  Michael O Mahony & Dec Family, Woodford | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun.  24th | **People of the Parish** | 9.00am |
| Bridie Collins, Hawthorn Drive /  Michael Quille, Woodford | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 17th March Fr. Brendan Walsh, 087- (emergencies only).***

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

**† Mai Riordan nee Grogan,** Moyvane South late of Charles St.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE:** David Bunyan, Senior / Mairead Lyons, Derry / Paddy Halpin, Greenville / Teresa Barry nee O’Sullivan, Listowel / Helen Kennelly, Market St. /

Noreen O Connor, Bunagara / Mary Babe White, Athea.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR EMIGRANT SERVICES** will be taken up at all masses this weekend. 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..

**LISTOWEL PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday 19th at 8pm.

**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.

**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. ***In St. John’s Theatre, The Square, 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.

**LIXNAW CHURCH Padre Pio devotions,** on Tuesday 12th March at 7.30pm. The witness will be given by Mickey Harte of Tyrone Football Coach.

**Please note** some parishioner’s boxes for 2019 are still in the parish office.

**PARISH OFFICE** Is closed bank holiday Monday 18th normal office hour’s resumes on Tuesday 19th.

**PRAYER TO ST. PATRICK**

Saint Patrick, apostle of Ireland, watch over your people. Stranger and slave, protect our emigrants. Prayerful youth, inspire all the young. Famished and frightened, make us see the poor. Alone on the hillside, now teach us to pray. Reader of dreams, still walk among us. Bishop and priest, confirm what is noble and true.

Kindler of fire, fan our faith into flame. Baptiser of kings and of commons, steep us in gospel ways. Exile for God, be with all missionaries. Pilgrim to provinces, join our hands in friendship.

Climber of mountains, unveil the beauty of creation. Preacher of mercy, sow peace in our homes. Humblest of sinners, convince us of sin and of grace. Protector and patron, reveal Christ beside us. Father of faith, pray that Christ be within us forever.

**ST. PATRICK, Principal Patron of Ireland, Pray for us.**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING** Sunday 17th March from 10am. – 2pm. at Nora Mulvihill’s House, 31 Church Street. Please come along & support

**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.

**CLOUNMACON COMMUNITY CENTRE** Social Dancing classes with Josephine O Connor. Begins on Thursday 21st March at 8.30pm. Dances old time, waltz, quick step, jive and lots more.

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

Further Notices on our Website at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com)

Fr. Declan wishes all Parishioners

a Happy St. Patrick Day!

“**SAINT JOHN OF GOD KERRY SERVICES** have a wonderful upcoming show called “Sister” taking place at 8pm in  Siamsa Tire, Tralee on Tues 26th  & Wed 27th March. This is to provide service users with a musical platform to showcase their acting, dancing and singing talents. All are welcome. **Tickets, €15, on Sale from Siamsa Tire on 066 7123055 or** **at**[boxoffice@siamsatire.com](mailto:boxoffice@siamsatire.com) “

**REFRESH, RENEW, REKINDLE YOUR MARRIAGE** relationship on a  Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 12th – 14th April 2019 in Cork.      [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie/)    086-8334382- 087-2162436.

**ST. BENEDICT'S PRIORY, COBH, CO.CORK.**  Day of Recollection guided by the spirituality of the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier. Saturday 23rd March, 9.00 Mass and Adoration, 11.00 first talk, ends with tea at 3.30pm.  Lunch provided.  Contact Mother Prioress 0124811354.

**HELPING TO HEAL THE WOUNDED HEART:**  A talk on Grief and Loss, hosted by Claire Forde, Bereavement Counsellor, will take place at The Rose Hotel, Tralee on Friday 29th March.  This is an opportunity to get to understand Grief and the Grief  journey.  What is it about? And why it is so important to process our Grief.  The talk will focus on areas of Grief including the 5 Stages, different types (including Pet Grief), coping mechanisms and it will also provide details of varioius support organisations that are available to us.  You are also invited to bring a photo of your deceased loved one/s (including pets) as the evening will conclude with a short memorial ceremony followed by a cuppa before going home. TIME: 07.30PM - 10.00PM. ADMISSION: €20.00 - €10.00 OAPs (payable at door on the night).

**GARDENING COURSE** Names are currently being taken for a gardening course to commence at Listowel Family Resource Centre in April. where participants will learn how to grow their own vegetables  and receive Fetac iLevel 3 certification in the process. Places limited, contact Bridie on 068 23584