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 ***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**2nd Sunday after Nativity**

 **5th January 2020**

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Declan 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***.** **Booking of Masses** at least 1 weeks’ notice before date. **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)

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 5th – 12th January**

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|  Saturday 4th  | **Mary Purcell, Woodford, 1st Ann. /****John Slemon, Cluainin, 1st Ann**. /Gerard McElligott, Craughatoosane, **1st Ann.** & Birthday Rem. /Richard & Margaret Roche, O’Connell’s Ave. / Tim, Elizabeth & Yvonne Flaherty, Derry /Dora & Larry Buckley, Tanavalla & Joe Carr, Balbriggan, Dublin /Paudie Horan, Cherrytree Drive /George McEneaney, Gortacrissane  | Vigil 6.15pm  |
| Sunday5th  | John Michael Murphy, Church St. | 9.00am |
| Joe Carroll, St. Brendan’s Tce. /Nora Keane Moriarty, Luachra Rd. /Bob Kelly, Dirha East /Christy O’Connor, Coolnalaught, James Culhane & Pat Galvin, Moyvane / Baby Mark Grace, Kenny Heights /Elizabeth (Betty) Kennelly, Ashfield  | 11.30am |
| Monday 6th**Feast** **of the** **Epiphany**  | Paddy, Matldia, Johnny & Mary Kelly, Billerough / Andy, John & Nora Hayes & Dec., Family  | 10.30am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | 1.10pm  |
| Bill & Rory O Connell, Grogreen /Theresa Bambury, Gurtnaglana, Kilmorna  |  |
|  Tues 7th  |  | 10.30am |
| Wed 8th  |  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 9th  | Margaret Horgan, Ennismore | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 10th  |  | 10.30am |
| Saturday  11th  | Mary Daly, Bridge Rd., **Months Mind**  | 10.30am |
| Michael Barrett, Dirha East  |  Vigil6.15pm |
| Sunday12th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Elaine Foran, Ballygrennan, **Months Mind /** John & Sheila Broderick, Coolnaleen /Christy Sommers & dec. Family Billerough | 11.30am |

***Priest on duty for our Pastoral area this Sunday 5th Jan.,***

 ***Fr. Denis O Mahony, 087-6807149 (emergencies only).***

**RECENT DEATHS** Please remember in your prayers:

**Nancy Brosnan**, Lacca East.

**Margaret O Neill**, Charles St.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**DATES OF DIOCESAN COLLECTION 2020:** Please note the list in Noticeboard at back of the church. The January Diocesan Collection takes place this weekend (5th & 6th Jan. ) immediately after Holy Communion for the ***Needs Of The Holy Land:*** This collection provides assistance to those in need in the Holy Land and helps fund 36 Dispensaries, 21 Charitable Institutes, 120 Centres of Education etc.

**PARISH OFFICE REOPENS**: on this Monday morning at 10.00.a.m.

**FEAST OF EPIPHANY**: Takes place on this Monday 6th January. It is a Holy Day of obligation. Please note that there will not be a Vigil Mass on this Sunday evening but there are three masses on Monday: 10.30 a.m.& 1.10 p.m. *(lunch time)* and a 6.15 p.m. evening Mass.

**CELEBRATING THE BAPTISMS OF 2019:** As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord next weekend, we invite all 71 babies who were baptised here at St. Mary’s Church in 2019 to join us for our **Mass on Sunday next (Jan. 12th 2020**) **at 11.30 a.m**. A special New Year’s Blessing will be given to all our babies present. Our Parish Baptism Teams will be present. So we invite all parents, babies, god parents, or any others who were baptised throughout the past calendar year of 2019. Come and sit anywhere in either of the two centre rows in the church.

**KERRY DIOCESAN PRIESTS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**: with Bishop Ray takes place in Killarney this week beginning on Tuesday afternoon (Jan. 7th ) and ends on Friday afternoon (Jan. 10th )

**FAITH IN THE FACE OF LIFE’S CHALLENGES:**  As part of the Priests Assembly, the Diocese of Kerry will host a conversation on Faith in the face of life’s challenges in The Gleneagle Ballroom, Muckross Road, Killarney on Wednesday January 8th @ 8pm. Ian O’Connell, Killarney, Elma Walsh, Tralee, Anne Alcock, Killarney and Fr. Donal O’Connor will share how faith has enabled them to face what life has thrown at them and Deirdre Walsh, Radio Kerry, will chair the conversation. Admission is free and all are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** Our sincere ‘***thanks’*** to you all for the Christmas Offerings which were collected over the Christmas period. Should you not have made your offering, you may still do so at any time that suits you and just place in an envelope on the Offertory plate or drop into the Parish Office. Míle Buíochas

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LEARN A LIFE SAVING SKILL**, CPR course on Monday 6th January from 6.30pm to 10pm in Lixnaw. Fully certified for 2 years. Call Majella on 087 210 3544 for more info.

**2019 ALL-IRELAND DRAMS WINNERS**: Holycross/Ballycahill Drama Group perform John B. Keane's Sive at Scoill Realta na Maidine, Listowel on Saturday January 18 at 8PM. A special evening with wine, spot prizes & MC Billy Keane with all proceeds going to the Sean Stakelum Leukaemia Fund(Ann McGrath-Leahy's son). Tickets €20 from Oonagh Harnett pharmacy, Flying Saucer restaurant, Leahy Accountants or at the door.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL***

***Further Notices on our Web Site***

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