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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**15th August 2021**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 15th – 22nd August**

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| Saturday14th  | Josephine Sugrue, O’Connell’s Ave. **Months Mind** / Ellen Collins, Kilmorna /Rose Fitzmaurice, Charles St. /Thomas O Connor, Asdee /Thomas & Mary O Sullivan Charles St. /Pat O Connor, Craughatoosane /Joe & Margaret O Sullivan, Tanavalla  | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 15th  | Peter Moloney, Dec. Family, Charles St.  | 9.00am |
| Mary & John B. & Denis Keane, William St. / Michael Carmody, Ballyduig /Michael Quille, Church St. /Kathleen Hannon, Cois Baile, **Bir Rem**.  | 11.30am |
| Mon 16th  | Jack, Bridie & Mary Greaney, Toournageeha  | 10.30am |
| Tues 17th  | Nancy & Jim O Connor, Shrone | 10.30am |
| **Funeral** – Catherine Salmon, Cherrytree Dr.  | **11.30am** |
| Wed 18th  | Eamon O Connor, Gurtinard, Bir. Rem. /Martin O Sullivan, Clare & John Grinsell, Tipperary / John Kelly, Lyreacrompane  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 19th  | Jack Wight, Ballygrennan & Glasgow & Dec. Mem. Sheehan Family Ballygrennan  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 20th  | James Shine, London /John Guiney Junior, Charles St.  | 0.30am |
|  Saturday 21st  | Pat Guiney, Coolaclarig /Sean Thornton, Clieveragh | 10.30am |
| Betty Griffin Ballygologue Park /Stephen Foran, Baile O Dubhda / Paddy Stack, Woodford / Eileen Duffy  | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sunday22nd  | Thomas Dowd, Castlemaine, Maura & Michael Cronin, Market St. & John Madden, Sligo | 9.00am |
| Pat Halpin, Ballygologue Park / Pat Tim O Sullivan, Dromoughty, Kenmare 1st Anniversary & Tony McGuinness, Lauragh & Crossmolina  | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS** **Margaret Rahilly**, 28 Ballygologue Park.

**Catherine Salmon,** Cherrytree Drive.

**Oliver Murphy,** Tullamore, Co Offaly.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Denis O Mahony, 087-6807197.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Terry Buckley, Patrick St. / John & Hannah O Brien, Cahirdown / Pat O Leary, The Island / Patrick Buckley, Behins / Thomas Linnane, Gortacrissane / Pat Halpin, Ballygologue Park.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**MASS BOOKINGS** The diary for 2022 will be open the first week in October 2021. To book any mass you will need to give at least a week’s notice from the date you are requesting.

**PARISH OFFICE**: Are delighted to announce that the Parish Office along with our selection of Mass cards, now have other religious items, such as an assortment of Candles, Rosary beads etc.

**WEEKLY CHURCH OFFERINGS:** We thank you for dropping your Weekly offerings into the Box at the back of the church. We very much appreciate your offering. You may also pay by cheque payable to Listowel Church. For anyone interested in setting up a standing order our bank details are IBAN IE14 BOFI 9057 8228 9052 58, BIC BOFIIE2D, Account Name – Listowel Church Account. Bank address, Bank of Ireland, The Square, Listowel. Please reference your full name and box number if you have one. *The Parish Office now has a credit card machine.*

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on this Sunday 15th August in honour of the Feast of the Assumption straight after 11.30 mass and ends at 1.00 p.m.

***PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY***

**Covid-19: parish finances, Communions, Confirmations and Church congregations.**

The diocese has carried out a small survey of the returns for parish collections in the 6 months January to June 2021. In the first 6 months of this year, at all Masses it has been either a case of no congregations or congregations limited to small numbers. On average collections have reached 50% of what they were pre Covid-19. This is a good achievement. Some parishes are under greater financial pressure than others. Over the whole of 2021 I encourage everyone to seek to contribute the same amount as in a full year pre Covid.

***A sincere thank you to every parish for the level of payments to the offertory collections during the pandemic. It is a great comfort to everyone that so many have been so loyal to parish collections.***

It is sad that so many people have been deprived of the opportunity to gather for **weekend Mass** over the past 18 months. Not everyone has found it a positive experience praying on their own and joining in Mass via the internet. Hopefully, it will not be long until the restrictions are lifted, and all are free to gather to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in thanksgiving. Together we will pray again the words, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, it will become for us the Bread of Life.”

Hopefully before long it will be possible to safely celebrate **First Communions and Confirmations**. The postponement has been very frustrating. It is important that in the weeks ahead, the families and children involved are faithful to prayer in the home and regular participation in Mass in the parish, to be spiritually prepared for these sacraments.

**Thank you to one and all** for your contribution to the life of your parish over the past 18 months. May the pandemic have led to many of us appreciating our local parish community even more. Continue to look out for and support one another in the community and let us pray for one another. *Our Lady health of the sick, pray for us.* ***+ Ray Browne***

***10 August 2021***