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**Parish Priest: Declan Canon O Connor VF. Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**. After hours emergency no. 0870908949.**Email:** listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie. *Notices for Parish Newsletter have to be in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am and no funeral on Sundays. **Baptisms** are at pre-arranged times and must be booked through the Parish Office. **Confessions:** every Saturday after 10.30am Mass. Check out our Parish Web Page at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) for live streaming and all Diocesan news on: [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**22nd August 2021**

**21st 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 22nd – 29th August**

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| Saturday21st  | Betty Griffin Ballygologue Park /Stephen Foran, Baile O Dubhda / Paddy Stack, Woodford / Eileen Duffy /Elizabeth Flaherty, Derry, Birthday Rem.  | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 22nd  | Thomas Dowd, Castlemaine, Maura & Michael Cronin, Market St. & John Madden, Sligo | 9.00am |
| Pat Tim O Sullivan, Dromoughty, Kenmare **1st Anniversary** & Tony McGuinness, Lauragh & Crossmolina / Pat Halpin, Ballygologue Park /Carmel Walsh, Clieveragh Park | 11.30am |
| Mon 23rd  | Maggie & Peggy Walsh, Courthouse Rd. /Chrissie O Gorman, Clieveragh Rd. | 10.30am |
| **Funeral – Patrick Hickey,** Scartleigh.  | **11.30am** |
| Tues 24th  | Margaret (Peg) O Connor, Ballygologue Rd /Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed 25th  | Michael & Mary O Keeffe, Moyessa /Carmel Stokes, Billerough, **Bir. Rem.**  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 26th  | Margo Henchy, Ballygologue Rd. **Months Mind** | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 27th  | John & Margaret Guerin, Cahirdown | 10.30am |
|  Saturday 28th  |  | 10.30am |
| Christy Angland, Knockane, **Months Mind** / Margaret Doyle, Dromin, **1st Ann.** / Denis Stack, Clieveragh / David Trant Behins  | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sunday29th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Sheila Laide, Ballygologue Pk., **1st Ann**. /Margaret Keane nee Quinlan, Coolnaleen / Joan McCarthy, Knockane /Michael & Katie O Connor, Johnny Nolan, Mossie & Peggy Hickey & dec. family, Craughatoosane  | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS** **Kathleen O’Donnell nee Griffin**, Ennismore & late of Fourhane & London / **Patrick Hickey,** Scartleigh late of London.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Pat Crean Lynch 087 - 6709491

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Mary O Keeffe, Moyessa

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

***With great joy we welcome into our Christian community:***

Teagan Lyons, Lucas Kelliher,

Ava Adeoye, Nedine McCarthy, Rhian O’Flynn,

Steven McCarthy, Ethan Browne, Fiadh Napper, Lauren Long, Darragh O Flynn, Darragh Kiely, Thomas Moran, Lexi Horan, Emma Upton, Angel McElligott, Ellie Mulvihill, Ben McMeel, Paige O Flynn, Corey-Lee Stack – Livens, Indie Toomey, Ollie Breen, Isabelle Walsh, Preston O Brien, Lucy McCarty, Méabh McKenna, Kian Thornton, Aoibhí Lyons, Fíonn McDonnell, Emma Sheehan, Grace Coughlan Browne, Amy O Connor, Alexander O Connell, James O Connell, Freya Galvin &

Ciara Walsh.

**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.*

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP** A big Thank You for supporting us in our recent fundraiser for all staff of University Hospital Kerry for their amazing work in the pandemic. In Total you helped raise €3608.00!! Thank You 😊

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place every Wednesday straight after 10.30am. Mass for an hour unless a funeral takes place on the day there will be no adoration.

***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***