**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***

**29th August 2021**

**22nd 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 29th - 5th September**

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| Saturday28th  | Christy Angland, Knockane, **Months Mind** / Margaret Doyle, Dromin, **1st Ann.** / Denis Stack, Clieveragh / David Trant Behins  | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 29th  | ***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 |
| Mon 30th  | Voureen Henigan, Sandymount, Dublin late of Listowel, **Recently Deceased /**Birthday Intention  | 10.30am |
| Tues 31st  | Staff & Residents of Arus Mhuire Nursing Home /Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| Wed 1st  | Grace McMahon & Mary McMahon Kelly & Dec. Family, Cahirdown | 10.30am |
| Thurs 2nd  | Mary Melvin, Ashfield & Ballygologue Rd | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 3rd  |  | 10.30am |
| ***St. Padre Pio & 1st Friday evening mass***  |  **6.45pm** |
|  Saturday 4th  | Dan Foley, Meen /John O Keeffe, Greenville | 10.30am |
| James Lyons, Bedford /Johnny Walsh, Listowel & Cork /Mickie & Margaret Kennelly, Coolaclarig /Michael Whelan, Market Street | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sunday5th  |  | 9.00am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS** Sean (Jack) Brennan, Kilcara Nursing Home, late of Colbert St.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Hussey, 087-2386084.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Mary O Keeffe, Moyessa / Eileen Bunyan, Convent Cross.

**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** 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.

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE**: We have had to repair the CROSS in the roof on apex over the front door of the church. The base had weakened and was damaged over the years resulting in it falling back onto the roof. We were fortunate that the lightening conductor which was attached at the back saved it from falling off and breaking. While we had the scaffolding up for a limited period Jan availed of the opportunity of cleaning Our Lady’s statue. Our thanks also to all involved – especially Tom O’Connell and his family members and Jan for the great job that they did.

***PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY***

**ON COVID-19: PARISH FINANCES:**

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.***

**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***

This year Bishop Ray Brown will celebrate Mass in Our Lady’s Well and Grotto, Ballyheigue on Pattern Day, 8th September at 12 noon. It will be streamed live on www. Dioceseofkerry.ie facebook page. In the interest of safety and fairness there will be *no congregation present on the day*. The Well and Grotto will remain closed for the duration of the Mass and will reopen at 1.30pm after which you are most welcome to come for private prayer .