**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***

**5th September 2021**

**23rd 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 5th – 12th September**

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| Saturday4th  | James Lyons, Bedford /Johnny Walsh, Listowel & Cork /Mickie & Margaret Kennelly, Coolaclarig /Michael Whelan, Market Street | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 5th  |  | 9.00am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | 11.30am |
| Mon 6th  | James Shine, London | 10.30am |
| Tues 7th  | Our Lady’s Birthday | 10.30am |
| Wed 8th  | Jimmy Joy, Ballygologue Park /Private Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 9th  | Dec. Members of the Morris & O’Neill Family  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 10th  | Oliver O Neill, Cahirdown | 10.30am |
|  Saturday 11th  | Michael & Mary Lynch, Liosarda & Lisselton  | 10.30am |
| Anne Rahilly, Ballygologue Park, **Months Mind** / Barty O Driscoll, Tanavalla /Daniel Wash, Brandon /Nora Browne, Coolagown /Dan Broderick, Bunagara  | Vigil 6.15pm |
| Sunday12th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Catherine (Kitty) Salmon, Cherrytree Drive, **Months Mind** / Padraig Kelly, Bridge Road / Brendan Harnett, Killocrim  | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS** Jack Brennan, late of Colbert St.

Morgan O'Flaherty, Derry, Listowel & late of Coil, Listowel.

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Mary O Keeffe, Moyessa / Eileen Bunyan, Convent Cross. / Mick Lynch, Liosarda / Nora & Martin (Sonny) Flaherty & Dec. Family, O’Connell’s Ave. **ANNUAL KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE GOES VIRTUAL:** As our Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes due to take place from September 2nd to 7th was cancelled for the second year running, due to the pandemic - the Diocese is providing a full programme of events each day from September 2nd to 7th. Check into the events happening – some from within the Diocese and also others directly from Lourdes by clicking on[**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES**: Congratulations to our 70 Confirmations Candidates who received their Confirmation within Covid restrictions of Thursday and Friday last. Well done to all involved!

**AUTUMN STATION OFFERINGS / DUES**: usually take place during the month of September. This is the yellow envelope in your box which supports your own priests and the priests of the Diocese. There are also some loose yellow envelopes at the back of the church and they can be dropped into the Box at the back or the church or into the Parish Office at any time. You may also pay the online stating that they are the Autumn Offerings. Much appreciate your support and generosity.

**WEEKLY CHURCH OFFERINGS:** We thank you and appreciate you for dropping your Weekly offerings into the Box at the back of the church. 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 credit card machine to facilitate yo.*

**SEASON OF CREATION 2021:** We bring to your attention the Season of Creation 2021 Brochure – copies at the back of the church. Cultivating Hope – ‘***Caring for God’s Creatures’*** – Restoring our Common. ***Peace and Integrity of creation Committee***invite you on Thursday 16th of Sept, the Diocese of Kerry Justice, ‘*Restoring Our Common Home… Webinar, Caring for God’s Creatures’* as part of Season of Creation.  To register for this free hour-long webinar please log on to [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**ANNUAL PATTERN DAY BALLYHEIGUE ON WEDNESDAY NEXT:** This year Bishop Ray will celebrate Mass in our Lady’s Well on Wed. next (8th Sept.) at 12.00 noon Again it will be streamed live from [**www.dioceseofkerry.ie**](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) Facebook page. In the interest of safety and fairness there will be no congregation present on the day. The Well will remain closed for the duration of the Mass and reopen at 1.30 p.m. after which you are most welcome to come for private prayer.

**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.

**MASS BOOKINGS** The diary for 2022 will be open the first week in October 2021. To book any mass you should 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 Candles, Rosary beads etc.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL LISTOWEL** wish to acknowledge your very generous donations to our recent collection, amount raised was ***€2404.02***. Many thanks, much appreciated.

**EXTRA READERS**: Our Liturgy Group are currently recruiting some new and extra readers to join us – a special welcome to some of our young people who will be on during November.

**UPDATE COVID 19 MESSAGE FROM KERRY DIOCESAN TEAM**

Concerning Religious ceremonies within the document “*Reframing the challenge continuing our recovery and reconnecting”* which outlines the Government plan for the further easing of public health restrictions over the next few weeks. It is great news that we will be able to welcome more people to our churches. The hope is that on October 22nd, 2021 the majority of all public health restrictions will be lifted, but this will be subject to the prevailing public health advice. It is therefore important that all of the current protective measures continue to be observed so as to ensure that our churches remain safe places for people to visit and attend. The incidence rate of Covid-19 within the Diocese remains a cause for concern and for that reason we recommend the following in relation to Baptisms, First Holy Communions & Confirmations: -

* Baptisms – Continue to keep numbers attending Baptisms limited to immediate family members, (including Godparents and Grandparents).
* First Holy Communion & Confirmation – Limit the numbers attending to immediate family only, namely, parents and siblings of the child.

We will review the above recommendations on October 22nd, 2021 should there be a further easing of the public health restrictions. As always, further updates, advice, and information can be found on [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) **or HSE.IE**

 ***September 2nd 2021***