**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***

**12th December 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 12th – 19th December 2021**

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| Saturday11th  | Maura Lynch, Dirha Cottages, ***Months Mind*** / Noreen Buckley, Bridge Rd., **Months Mind** / Tom Brosnan, Watford & late of Coolagown **1st Ann.,** & Margaret Brosnan / Mary Daly, Bridge Rd. / Margaret Moloney, Derry /Caroline Enright, Feale Drive / Helen & John McConnell nee Rowan, O’Connell’s Ave  | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 12th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Margaret O Connor nee Brandon, Aughrim, Moyvane, **Months Mind** / Elaine, Dermot & Kenneth Foran, Ballygrennan / Kevin Casey, Woodford /William Doyle, Fourhane /Nora Walsh Greenville Rd. / Danny B Joy, Gortnaminch / Mick Carr, Moyvane  | 11.30am |
| Mon 13th  | St. Michael’s College Christmas Mass /Captain Jann Guence, Brittany, France /John L Sullivan, London & Ennismore /Mass of thanksgiving  | 10.30am |
| Tues 14th  | Kerry Parents & Friends, Listowel | 10.30am |
| Wed 15th  | Cyril O Gorman, Clieveragh /Mass of thanksgiving  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 16th  | Special Intention  | 10.30am |
|  Fri. 17th  | Gerard O Sullivan, Ballylongford & Limerick | 10.30am |
| Saturday 18th  | Eithne Doyle Church St. **Months Mind** & Joan Walsh, The Square / Fr. Brendan Dalton, Bridge Rd / Betty O Sullivan, Church St / Gerard O Sullivan Ballylongford & Limerick | 10.30am |
| Seán O Neill, Bunagara, **Months Mind** /Breda Walsh, Finuge / Deceased members of the Bartishell Family, Convent Street /Patrick Joseph Mulligan, Dublin / Nora Crane nee Fitzmaurice, & Dec. Family, England & Ennismore | **Vigil** **6.15pm** |
| Sunday19th   | Mary Keane, Lenamore | 9.00am |
| Teresa Fox nee Molyneaux, Co. Leitrim late of Meen, Listowel, **Months mind** / Edmond Murphy, Behins  | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATH: Noreen Foley,** Cahirdown.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Michael Kennelly, Market St. / Kathleen & Timothy, Griffin, Coolagown.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**thisSunday, Fr. Sean Hanafin, 087-8341083 for emergencies only.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We welcome our First Holy Communion children and their parents joining us at our Vigil Mass on this Saturday night Mass at 6.15 p.m.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place every Wednesday straight after 10.30am. Mass until 1.00 p.m*.*  Should a funeral take place on the day it will be cancelled.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS FOR LISTOWEL PASTORAL AREA** with a number of priests’ present will take place on Monday, ***December 20th at 8.00 p.m***. There will also be Confessions available immediately after the 10.30 a.m. mass on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, Wednesday, Dec. 22nd & on Thursday 23rd.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Due to the increase in the numbers of people becoming infected with Covid-19, please continue to follow good hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, observe the rules of social distancing and wear a face covering/mask when attending our church. With regard to the *Distribution of Holy Communion*: please use the One-Way System already in operation with 3 distribution points. Follow ushers’ directions coming up the middle aisle from the back and returning down the side aisles. The public health advice is to get vaccinated as vaccination offers the best protection for you, your family and for others against severe disease. People should not attend religious services if you have symptoms of Covid-19, even if you have been fully vaccinated and you should not return to church until you have been advised it is safe to do so. ***Thanks.***

**SYNODAL PATHWAY - OUR TIME TO REFLECT, DISCUSS AND LISTEN**: As part of our Diocese's participation in the 2023 Synod of Bishops, we will be offering opportunities for discussion and listening in the Spring. Before that happens, you are invited to visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie/SynodQ/](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/SynodQ/) to learn more about the questions that Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on.
**LISTOWEL CHRISTMAS CARDS & CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUET:** available in the Parish Office. Christmas Cards 6 per pack €5. & Mass Bouquet €11.

***PARISH OFFICE will be closed from Christmas Eve, Friday 24th Dec. and will open Monday 3rd January 2022.*** Feel free to contact Fr. Declan at our daily masses throughout the Christmas period and is available for all emergencies on the Parish Mobile: ***087-0908949.***

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2020** *Thank you for the Christmas Offerings. These offerings support your priests in our own Parish and within our Diocese. This is the white envelope in your Box and there are loose ones at back of church or Parish Office. Please drop your offering into the designated box at the back of the church. Your support and generosity are much appreciated.*

**MÍLE BUÍOCHAS** for your generosity and continued support of your Parish and clergy. Parishioners can continue to make their weekly offering / donations - by using the designated boxes in the church or through the Parish Office or on-line by standing order. Further details are available on the Parish website, or by contacting the Parish Office on 068 21188 (Office Hours) May God bless and protect us all at this time. ***Fr. Declan***

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Friday, December 24th *(Christmas Eve)***

***Mass of the Nativity 4.00 p.m****.* ***6.00 p.m. & 8.00 p.m.*Saturday, December 25th** (***Christmas Day)***

***9.00 a.m.*** & **11.30am**
***Sunday, December 26th (Feast of the Holy Family)***

**9.00 a.m. & 11.30am**