**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***

**26th December 2021**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 26th – 2nd January 2022**

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| Sunday 26th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Jim Henigan, Dublin, **Rec. Dec.** / Joe Carroll, St. Brendan’s Terrace /Edal O Halloran, Church St. / John O Mahony, Ballygrennan /Michael McCarron, Cahirdown, Bir. Rem. /For the intentions of the Bracken Family  | 11.30am |
| Mon 27th  | Joe Carroll, St. Brendan’s Terrace / Michael Moore, Elizabeth & Michael Moore & Henry Schmoll, Cahirdown & Listowel  | 10.30am |
| Tues 28th  | Michael O Connor, Springmount, Duagh /Jackie & Mollie Nolan, Aviation drive /Catherine Scannell, Skehenerin /Frank & Biff Kelly & Patrick Rogers, Dublin | 10.30am |
| Wed 29th  | Angela Henigan McKeon, The Square & USA /Con, Nancy & John Keane, Church St. /John Finnigan, Killocrim, Birthday Rem. /Peg Roche, O’Connell’s Ave. **Recently Dec**., Eamon & Jacqueline Roche O’Connell’s Ave. & Sr. Nuala O Leary, Birthday Rem. | 10.30am |
| Thurs 30th  |  | 10.30am |
| Fri. 31st  | Pat & Kitt Dowling, Bridge Road /Carmel Walsh, Ballygologue Park  | 10.30am |
| Saturday 1st Jan  | John Charlie O Sullivan, Killocrim / Peggy O Dell Moloney, & dec. Family, Charles St. /Brendan Guiney, Charles St. | 10.30am |
| Rita Davenport, England & Kenny Heights, **1st Ann.** / Ann Browne, Coolagown | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sunday 2nd   | ***People of the Parish***  | 9.00am |
| Angela Carmody, **1st Ann.** & Maurice (Mossie) Carmody, Skehenerin /Tadhg Laide, Ballygologue Park /Michael O Neill, Ballygologue Road /Mary & Peter Kelly, Tralee  | 11.30am |

**PRIEST ON DUTY**thisSunday, Fr. Michael Hussey, 087-2386084 for emergencies only.

***PARISH OFFICE* IS CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS:**and will re-openon ***Wednesday 5th January 2022*** at 10.00 a.m.Feel free to contact Fr. Declan at our daily masses each morning throughout the Christmas period and is available for all emergencies on the Parish Mobile: ***087-0908949***

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

**LISTOWEL HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2022**: We wish to confirm that flights have been confirmed – Departing from Dublin via Istanbul to Tel Aviv on **29th October 2022** and returning on the afternoon of Saturday, **5th November 2022**. Turkish Airlines are holding the flights until 5th January at which point we have to pay a deposit. Total price **€1,550.00** which includes bus to and from Listowel to Dublin. There are just a few places lest. More details from **Premier Travel: 021-4277700.**

**MÍLE BUÍOCHAS** for your generosity and continued support of your Parish and clergy. Parishioners can continue to make their weekly offering / donations/ Christmas Offerings - by using the designated boxes in the church or through the Parish Office or on-line by standing order. The Christmas Offerings support your priests in the Parish & Diocese. 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***

*Just a Thought*

*As we celebrate the* ***Feast of the Holy Family*** *this weekend – and look forward to 2022, it is appropriate that we reflect on* ***‘Who is Jesus for me****?’*

*Jesus is in every face, He is every laugh and every fear.*

*Jesus is in every heart, in every Mass, in every celebration.*

*Jesus is in every person. He is in the eyes of every young child, He is in every hurt and is with those who are lonely.*

*Jesus is in every mind. He is in every new born baby and he is with those who are close to death.*

*Jesus is in every squeal of joy – He is in the beauty of nature, and he is present wherever you are.*

*Jesus is the reason why –* ***He is my friend***

***Wishing you a Happy Christmas &***

***A Holy and Peaceful 2022***

**COVID-19 UPDATE – ST. MARY’S CHURCH, LISTOWEL**

Following the Government announcement made on Friday, December 17th, 2021 there are no changes to the public health measures as they apply to religious services and weddings.

Accordingly, religious services and weddings can proceed without capacity limits and without any time restrictions but with all other protective measures in place and these measures include, sanitising your hands on entering and leaving the church, wearing a face mask or covering while visiting the church and observing the rules of social distancing.

A face mask or covering should be worn by all those aged 9 or over. People who may not be able to wear a face mask or covering for whatever reason or people who may be nervous about returning to Mass can participate in the Mass online at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com).

A team of ushers will be on duty for all of our Masses. The ushers are there to assist people attending Mass, to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion, to organise the exit from the church at the end of Mass and to encourage people to comply with the public health protective measures. All of our ushers are volunteers, and we would ask people to co-operate with our ushers. Full details of our Mass schedule, including the Christmas Mass schedule can be found in the parish newsletter available at the back of the church or on our website, [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com).

As the collection basket will not be passed around due to Covid-19, you may place your weekly and Christmas offerings in the collection boxes at the back of the church and you can also make your offerings either by card through the Parish Office, or by standing order or online. Further details are available on the Parish website, [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) or by contacting the Parish Office on 068 21188. We thank you most sincerely for your continuing support of and generosity towards your Parish and clergy.

Given the rapid spread of the Omicron variant we would remind all parishioners to follow the public health guidance so as to protect not only themselves but also their family members and those in the wider community. Full details in relation to public health advice, further information and updates can be found on [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) and [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie).

***Fr. Declan & the Parish Pastoral Council***