**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](mailto: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 December 2021**

**Second 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 5th – 12th December 2021**

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| Saturday  4th | Eric Browne, **Months Mind** /  Timmy Kennelly, Bedford / Andy Sayers, Cahirdown / Margaret Lynch, Glin /  Noreen Hickey, Ballygologue Park | **6.15pm**  **Vigil** |
| Sunday  5th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| David O Brien, Kilmeaney, Kilmorna /  John O Halloran, The Meadows /  Tom Keane, Derry / Bridget Twomey, Dirha Cottages / Mai Munroe, The Neale, Co Mayo & New York / Patrick & Nora Carmody, Skehenerin / Thomas & Joan Keating & Deceased Family members, Dirha Cottages / Margaret Nolan, O’Connell’s Ave. / Willie Keane & Chris & Michael Dillon Ballygrennan | 11.30am |
| Mon 6th | Oliver O Neill, Cahirdown, **Birthday Rem**. | 10.30am |
| Tues 7th | Claudia Costello nee Shine, Coolaclarig & Ballygologue Park | 10.30am |
| Patsy Lyons, Clieveragh Park /  Noel Keane & Dec. Family, Dromerin /  Dan & Joan Hayes, Bridge Road | **Vigil**  **7.00pm** |
| **Feast day**  **Immaculate Conception**  Wed 8th | Mildred & Gordan Ray, Canada /  Kitty Healy nee Collins & deceased Family members, Convent St. /  Mary Walsh, Dirha East / Denis (Denny) Griffin, Raheen Gardens, Limerick & O’Connell’s Ave & Peggy Stack nee Griffin, London & O’Connell’s Ave. | 10.30am |
| Thurs 9th | Margaret (Peg) Hayes, Bedford**, 1st Ann**. /  Michael Meehan, Lartigue Village | 10.30am |
| Fri. 10th | Pat Guiney, Coolaclarig | 10.30am |
| Saturday  11th |  | 10.30am |
| 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 | **Vigil**  **6.15pm** |
| Sunday  12th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Elaine, Dermot & Kenneth Foran, Ballygrennan / Kevin Casey, Woodford /  William Doyle, Fourhane /Nora Walsh Greenville Rd. / Danny B Joy, Gortnaminch | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATH: Helena McElligott**, Asdee & Bridge Road.

**Kathleen White nee O’Sullivan**, Corrib Drive Limerick late of Coilbee, Listowel.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Thomas & Joan Keating & deceased family members, Dirha Cottages / David Bunyan Junior, Listowel & Killimer / Patrick O Connor, O’Connell’s Ave.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**thisSunday, Fr. Pat Crean-Lynch 087-6709491 for emergencies only.

**KERRY DIOCESAN COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICES** Please put your offering into envelope and drop into the offering box at the back of the Church.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet this Monday 6th Dec. at 7pm. in the Church. All members are asked to attend

**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.

**FEAST DAY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** on Wednesday. next (8th Dec.) Vigil mass Tuesday 7.00 p.m. and Wednesday morning at 10.30am. It is a Holy Day of obligation.

**DECEMBER PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on Saturday, night next (Dec. 11th) at the Vigil Mass. Parents and children are invited to attend but will not be directly involved this month due to Covid restrictions and safety of all.

**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 both of our churches. 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. Fr. Declan***

**LISTOWEL ST VINCENT DE PAUL WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL COLLECTION** at all masses on Sat. next 11th December and Sunday 12th December. Blue envelopes will be delivered to every household. Due to unprecedented demand we are appealing to you to be as generous as possible so that we can meet all of our requests. Your support to us is invaluable and we thank you sincerely. We are also looking for extra volunteers to deliver our meals on wheels, commitment is just once a week for an hour. If interested please ring 0877817542. If you need assistance, please ring above number. Also, just to bring to your attention we have a donation box in St. Mary’s Church, at the wheelchair door of the Church next to the holy water font, in the wall of the Church.

**LISTOWEL PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** areavailable at the **Parish office**. A pack of 6 for €5.00. Also, Christmas Mass Bouquet cards

**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.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS NIGHT FOR LISTOWEL PASTORAL AREA** with a number of priests’ present will take place on Monday, ***December 20th at 8.00 p.m***. *(More details later)*

**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***

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| **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**  **Friday, December 24th *(Christmas Eve)***  ***Mass of the Nativity 4.00 p.m****. (Children’s Mass),* ***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** |