**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th Jan. 2022**

**MASSES THIS WEEK 30th – 6th February 2022**

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| Saturday29th  | Michael Bambury, Gurtaglana, Kilmorna / Rebecca Boyd, Causeway & Ballyduff / Michael Mooney, Clounmacon / Sheila Loughnane, 6 Crosses /Peter Doyle, Tanavalla  | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday 30th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Anne & Robert McElligott, Convent Cross / Denis, Agnes & Michael Kelly Charles St. /Maureen Lyons (nee Browne), Mountcoal Cross  | 11.30am |
| Mon 31st  | Winfred Millward, & Dec. Family Members / Tom O Connor, Shone /Noreen Hilliard, Billerough  | 10.30am |
| Tues 1st ***St. Brigid***  | Maureen Molyneaux nee Pellican, London, late of Bedford, **Recently Deceased** /Brid Costello, Ballybunion Road /Jack & Peter McGuire, The Square /Patricia Walsh O’Reilly, Canada late of The Square, Birthday remembrance | 10.30am |
| Wed 2nd  | ***Candlemas Day*** - Joan Goggin, Macroom  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 3rd  | ***Blessing of Throats – St. Blaise*** Michael Stack, Dromin & New York  | 10.30am |
| Fri. 4th  | Nora Kenny, Patrick Street | 10.30am |
| **St. Padre Pio & First Friday Evening Mass**  |  **6.45pm** |
| Saturday 5th   | Bridget (Bridie) Kelliher, O’Connell’s Ave. /Patsy & Chris Walsh, Market Street | 10.30am |
| Eilish Hilliard, Ashfield, **Months Mind** /Thomas Scannell Junior, Skehenerin & London, **1st Anniversary** / John Keane, Ballygrennan / Margaret Madge O Donoghue, Beale, Asdee / PJ Browne, Dublin & St. Brendan’s Tce. /Anne Marie O Sullivan, Ballinruddery /Jeremiah Lynch, Coolkeragh /Michael Daly & Dec. Family, Knockane /Peter Hussey, Knockroe Drive /Mary Regan, The Orchard, Dromin | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sunday6th  | Patrick Shine, Dublin / Ralph Toomey, Dirha Cottages  | 9.00am |
| Niall Kelly, Tralee / Martin Whelan, Finuge  | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS Paddy Regan,** Knockane.

**Patrick Blount**, Feale Drive late of Drumree, Co. Meath.

**Paddy Neville,** Bedford.

**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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Edward Brennan, Colbert St. & Switzerland / Patricia Kearney, Clieveragh Park.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**thisSunday, ***Fr Brendan Walsh,*** 087-7913271 for emergencies only.

**ST. BRIGID’S DAY:** *Tuesday next: Feb. 1st* Scoil Réalta na Maidne ***(Boys School)*** will be selling St. Brigid’s Crosses at the 10.30 a.m. Mass. The crosses which will be blessed at the mass.

**CANDLEMAS DAY:** *Wednesday next Feb. 2nd* Candles will be blessed – if you wish to have your blessed bring them along.

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE** *Thursday next: Feb. 3rd*: ***BLESSING OF THROATS*** will take place at the 10.30 a.m. Mass.

**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.

LISTOWEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting: takes place on Monday Feb. 7th *(More details later)*

**2022 ALL IRELAND EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE** Saturday 5th February at 2pm live on Radio Maria Ireland. Speakers include Fr. John Mockler, Antoinette Moynihan (Children of the Eucharist) and Fr. Morty O'Shea.

**SAMARITANS** wish to thank the parishioners of Listowel for the continued support of their Christmas Collection. Amount raised was **€2,877.38**.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**

During the summer of 2021 an audit of safeguarding practice in the diocese was carried out by the National Board for Safeguarding Children. The purpose of this audit was to assess safeguarding procedures as outlined in our policy. The Safeguarding Committee would like to acknowledge and thank all who took part. It was very evident that there is a strong safeguarding culture in our parishes and the high level of commitment by all involved was recognised. The full report will be published and available in the coming weeks. Anyone who would like to report a current or past safeguarding concern is advised to contact the Designated Liaison Person for the Diocese on 087 6362780. People can also contact Towards Healing, an independent organisation offering confidential counselling for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse. This is a free service funded by the Church. Website: http://www.toward healing.ie/ Phone number: 1800303416.

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

As and from 6.00 a.m. on Saturday January 22nd, 2022 the Government removed most of the public health measures that had been in place. Some public health measures, such as the wearing of face masks, remain in place until February 28th, 2022. We are glad to be able to announce that here in St. Mary’s Church, we are starting the process of returning to how we operated before the pandemic. In doing so we are mindful that there are people who will be nervous about returning to Mass and public worship. For that reason, we will proceed with care and caution. Over the next few weeks there will be the gradual return of the following, namely, the return to use of collection baskets, the return of the choir and folk group, and the return of altar servers.

We will look at the return to use of Holy Water fonts at the end of February, when it is expected that there will be a further Government announcement in relation to the easing and, perhaps, the removal of the remaining public health measures. In the meantime, we would ask you to please note the following requirements when attending St. Mary’s Church:- Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church. Face masks or coverings should be worn. Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in the hand and not on the tongue. Please take your time in coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Be mindful of those around you and be respectful of their space. Maintain distance between you and those in front of you.

As we return to some form of normality, we wish to let you know that our ushers will now be stepping down from their roles. We wish to thank our ushers and indeed all of our volunteers who assisted us, in whatever role, in ensuring compliance with the Covid requirements. We also wish to thank you for your support and generosity towards your Parish and clergy. For those who may be nervous about returning to Mass, you can still make your weekly offering or donation in the collection box at the back of the church, through the Parish Office, by standing order, or online. Full details can be found on the Parish website, [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) or by contacting the Parish Office at 068 21188. Please note that the pandemic is still not over. It is important that we continue to follow the public health advice. You can keep up to date with the public health advice by visiting the Government website at [www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie) and the HSE website at [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie).

***Fr. Declan & the Parish Pastoral Council - January 26th, 2022***

**ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR KILLOCRIM N.S**. for September 2022. Contact the school for enrolment forms or download from our Facebook page.  Phone: 068 40419  : Email: principal.killocrim@gmail.com

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL FRC** is proud to announce the recommencement of their Toddler Programme – Tiny Tots. We look forward to welcoming all of the little ones and their parents to the Centre. For more information please contact Toni Clarke on 087-7523705 or 068-23584. The start time for tiny tots is 10.30am on February 11th.