**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***

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time 6th February 2022**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

*fitted with a loop*

*system. Please adjust*

*your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 6th – 13th February 2022**

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| Saturday  5th | 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 | **6.15pm**  **Vigil** |
| Sunday  6th | Patrick Shine, Dublin /  Ralph Toomey, Dirha Cottages | 9.00am |
| Niall Kelly, Tralee / Martin Whelan, Finuge | 11.30am |
| Mon 7th | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Tues 8th | Bridget, William & Nora Brosnan, Behins | 10.30am |
| Wed 9th | Teresa & Joe Woulfe, Bridge Road | 10.30am |
| Thurs 10th | Patsy & Kathleen Stack, Gortcreen, Bir. Rem. | 10.30am |
| Fri. 11th | Maura & Michael Chapman, Greenville | 10.30am |
| Saturday  12th | Lawney Shine, Charles St. **1st Anniversary** | 10.30am |
| Michael Molyneaux, O’Connell’s Ave, **Months Mind** /  Danny Hannon, The Square**, Months Mind** / Kathleen Hannon, Cois Baile, **1st Ann.** / John & Lena Mulvihill, Kilarda /  Jennifer Canty, Yonkers, New York & Killocrim & Lixnaw /  Sinead Collins nee Curtin, Feale Dr. & Sean & Hannah Curtin nee Barry /  Denis & Maud Collins, Ballydonoghue | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sunday  13th | Brian, Kitty & Garry McMahon & Dec. Family, Ashe Street /  Kathleen Kennelly, Tarbert | 9.00am |
| Marina & Michael Lynch, O’Connell’s Ave. | 11.30am |

**RECENTS DEATHS & FUNERALS**

**Kay Boylan nee McAuliffe**, Coonagh, Limerick late of Colbert St.

**Mai Kelliher,** Greenville, late of Lofty’s shop, Convent St.

**Hannah Leahy nee Lyons**, Birmingham late of Dirha East.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Bridie Flavin, Knockane **/** Mary Molyneaux nee Griffin Dromcollogher, Cork & Coolagown /Timmy Canty, O’Connell’s Ave. / Bridget (Bridie) Kelliher, O’Connell’s Ave. / Denis & Maud Collins, Ballydonoghue

**MEETING OF LISTOWEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**: takes place on Monday night next (February 7th) in the Presbytery at 7.00 p.m. All members are asked to attend. Thanks

**INVIATION COME & SING WITH THE PARISH CHOIR** It is a good time to join as we are all beginning again. Contact Sr. Consolata @ 0872420935, or come along with a Choir Member you know. To sing is to pray twice.

**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 ACTIVE RETIRED** are looking for new members. We are meeting in the Listowel Arms Hotel on Tuesday 15th of February from 2.30pm. to 4.30pm. If attending please phone Sr. Eileen @ 068-21156.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL LISTOWEL** would like to thank everyone sincerely for their donations to our recent Church collection. Amount raised was **€4186.65** which is very much appreciated.

**TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT** All mass intentions, have to be booked from now on at least a week in advance as the newsletter is a week ahead to let people know whose mass is coming up so they can attend. It is also to stop mistakes happening in the administration side and to avoid upset and disappointment. Also, with more intentions happening each day the maximum number of names that can be given into one intention is four names. Thanks for your co-operation.

**LISTOWEL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE** Names are currently being taken for a new art group, scheduled to commence on Monday. November 8. Further details available from Bridie Mulvihill on 086 8556431.

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

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, now that some of the restrictions have been removed. 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 altar servers.
* The return to the use of Holy Water fonts.
* We are delighted with the return of our Parish Folk Group

At the end of February, 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 have now stepped 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).