**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. Booking of masses have to be booked at least a week of date. Also, the maximum number of names that can be given into one intention is four names.

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time 20th February 2022**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

*fitted with a loop*

*system. Please adjust*

*your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 20th – 27th February 2022**

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| Saturday  19th | Patrick (Paudeen) Moloney, Woodford /  William McMahon, Gurtaglana, Kilmorna / Ned & Sonny Sheehy, Coolagown /  Sarah Clancy, St. Brendan’s Terrace /  Lil Horgan, Charles Street /  Mike Roche, O’Connell’s Avenue & Paddy Roche, Ballybunion Road /  Bridie Walsh, Ballyduff & Greenville /  Kevin Lucey, Knockroe Dr. & Charles St. | **6.15pm**  **Vigil** |
| Sunday  20th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Cliff Gore, Charles Street, **1st anniversary** /  Eoin Patrick Kenny, Ballinruddery /  Noreen McGrath, Cahirdown | 11.30am |
| Mon 21st | Bill & Nellie Moloney, Charles St. & Catherine Moloney, Ellen Doona | 10.30am |
| Tues 22nd | Peggy Hartnett, Ennismore /  Jack & Mary Flavin, Church Street | 10.30am |
| Wed 23rd | Paul Doyle, Tanavalla /  John Holly, St. Brendan’s Terrace | 10.30am |
| Thurs 24th | Teresa O Sullivan, nee Stack, Gortcreen & England | 10.30am |
| Fri. 25th |  | 10.30am |
| Saturday  26th | ***People of the Parish*** | 10.30am |
| Paddy Neville, Bedford, **Months Mind** /  Joan Hayes, Bridge Road, Birthday Rem. / Maud Carmody, Meen /  Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /  Ellen & Patrick Lyons, Clieveragh | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sunday  27th | Hannah & Joseph Walsh, Church St. | 9.00am |
| Kay Boylan nee McAuliffe, Coonagh, Limerick & Colbert St. **Months Mind** / Eileen Kennelly, Upper Church St., **1st Ann**. / Ned Carey, Greenville / Tom Hannon, Clieveragh, George Galea, Malta & Phyllis Kaye, Yorkshire / Thomas & Annie O Connor, Asdee | 11.30am |

**RECENTS DEATHS & FUNERALS Tim O Nell,** Ballybunion Road.

**Rena McEvoy,** Bristol, England late of Inch, Listowel.

**Sr Margaret (Austin) Stack, Liverpool** U.K. (order of Servants of the Mother of God), late of Cahirdown.

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Jimmy Deveraux, Cahirdown / Bassil Brennan, Colbert Street / Patrick Foran & Stephen Roche, Bedford.

**PARISH BOX ENVELOPES FOR 2022** are now in the Parish Office. They begin the first weekend in March - You can be pick up from the Parish Office. Please have your box number.

**ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE:** As a result of Covid-19 it was not possible to run any retreat or residential programmes in the Ardfert Retreat Centre. In August 2020 and following a request from Talbot Grove ***(****now* ***The Grove***), Castleisland, a lease was entered into with them for the use of Ardfert Retreat Centre for an initial term of one year.The Grove has now approached the Diocese about acquiring Ardfert Retreat Centre. Following negotiations, the Diocese wishes to advise that it is proposed to sell the Ardfert Retreat Centre to the Grove. The Diocese has had a long association with Talbot Grove and their mission is compatible with the spirit of the Gospel.After many years great service, Sr. Elizabeth has retired as director of Ardfert Retreat Centre, and we wish to thank her and indeed her predecessors for their work in the Centre. We also wish to thank the various members of staff, volunteers and the contact people for their work and dedication down the years. Lastly, we thank the people of the Diocese and especially the people of Ardfert for their support of Ardfert Retreat Centre since it opened its doors in 1981. We would ask you to join with us in wishing all in The Grove every success as a new chapter opens in the life of Ardfert Retreat Centre.  ***Diocese of Kerry, February 2022***

**POPE FRANCIS’S INVITATION & OUR RESPONSE**

Pope Francis has invited every member of the Church throughout the world to share their experiences, insights and hopes for the Church. Every diocese has been asked to give opportunities for reflection, discussion and feedback in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. Here in the Diocese of Kerry there is the opportunity to share your thoughts on-line or to participate in person in the next 2 months. For details: <https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/Synod>

**BISHOP RAY INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE PRIESTHOOD**: ***Have you ever considered being a priest?*** Bishop Ray invites those are interested to a practical workshop in priesthood. Details of it are on the Diocesan Web page at [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) Explore priesthood by joining in a ***ZOOM*** workshop on ***Tuesday, 1st March*** ***at 8.00 p.m***.to hear seminarians and priests chatting. It proved popular last year. We continue to pray for vocations to the diocesan priesthood in our diocese, and for vocations everywhere in the Church.

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

Now that most of the restrictions have been removed, we proceed with care and caution with the gradual return of the following:

* Our Folk Group & Choir
* The use of collection baskets shortly
* Our altar servers soon.
* The use of Holy Water fonts.
* Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving.
* 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 thank you for your support and generosity towards your Parish and clergy. 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) ***Thank You. Fr. Declan***

**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 BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE,** Have you an old/vintage-style adult bike in your shed in any condition? We would love to take it off your hands for Listowel promotional purposes. To donate, email [info@listowelalliance.ie](mailto:info@listowelalliance.ie) or call 087 3508280'

**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.