**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. 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***

**8th Sunday in Ordinary time**

**27th February 2022**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

**MASSES THIS WEEK 27th Feb. – 6th March 2022**

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| Saturday26th  | Paddy Neville, Bedford, **Months Mind** /Joan Hayes, Bridge Road, Birthday Rem. / Maud Carmody, Meen /Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /Ellen & Patrick Lyons, Clieveragh | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| 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 |
| Mon 28th  | Ted Keane, Slievecahill /Patrick O Sullivan, Derry /Kitt & Pat Guerin, Ballygologue Pk. /Wulf Sobieralski, Ballygologue Pk. & Germany & Bridie Leahy, Ballygologue Rd | 10.30am |
| Tues 1st  | Mai Kelliher, Greenville, **Months Mind** | 10.30am |
| AshWed 2nd  | Nora O Brien, Listowel, 1st Anniversary /Michael Dowing, Whitchurch, Cork /Jack & Mollie Nolan, Aviation Dr. & Jeremiah & Noreen Behan, Lisselton / Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | 6.15pm |
| Thurs 3rd  | Michael F. Barrett, Golf View /Dr. Louis O Carroll, Clieveragh /Michael O Sullivan & Denise Morrison nee O Sullivan, Church St.  | 10.30am |
| Fri. 4th  | Mass of thanksgiving |  10.30am |
| St. Padre Pio & First Friday Evening Mass |  6.45pm |
| Saturday 5th  | Mary Foley, Bedford  | 10.30am |
| Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane & Timothy O Flaherty, Newcastle West & Athea / Billy Dennehy, O Connells Ave.  | Vigil6.15pm |
|  Sunday6th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Eileen O Donoghue, Bedford & Rathmore, **Months Mind & Birthday Remembrance** /Good health Intention  | 11.30am |

**RECENTS DEATHS & FUNERALS**

**Frances (Abbey) Costello,** Dirha Cottages.

**Ellan Corridan,** The Square.

**Ellen (Nellie) O’Connor nee Mulvihill**, Finuge.

**Maureen Fitzmaurice nee Stack**, Dublin, late of Greenville.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**thisSunday, ***Fr. Declan O Connor, 0870908949*** for emergencies only.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Mary Wixted, Murroe, Limerick & Listowel /

**PARISH BOX ENVELOPES FOR 2022** are in the Parish Office and can only be collected from there. Please have your box number.

**TEMPERENANCE SUNDAY**: This Sunday 27th February we have been asked to bring your attention to being temperate, so many homes and families struggle with a family member with problematic, drinking, drug-taking or gambling. We keep all suffering from any addiction in our prayers at this time.

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Fr. Declan will visit some of the Sick & Housebound on Tuesday next *(March 1st*) In particular, he will visit those whom he has not been to with a while because of Covid. The Parish Office will contact those whom he intends to visit and if you are not on his list, please feel free to contact the Parish Office by this Monday and if he is able he will visit you.

**BISHOP RAY INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE PRIESTHOOD**: ***Have you ever considered being a priest?*** Bishop Ray invites those are interested to a practical Zoom workshop in priesthood on ***Tuesday, 1st March*** ***at 8.00 p.m***. Details of it are on the Diocesan Web page: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

 **ASH WEDNESDAY – BEGINNING OF LENT:** Wednesday next (***March. 2nd)*** is Ash Wednesday the beginning of LENT. It is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 10.30 a.m. Mass and again at an extra mass at **7.00 p.m**. especially to suit for workers and those unable to attend on that morning. **TROCAIRE BOXES:** One very effective way to do penance and something positive for LENT is to make a weekly offering to Trocaire over the Lenten period. Please pick up a Box from around the church.

**POPE FRANCIS’S INVITATION & OUR RESPONSE: REMINDER**: 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***](https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/Synod)

**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:

* Please continue to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving.
* Continue to wear Face masks or coverings for another while.
* 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.

We welcome back our Folk Group & Choir. We hope to use the collection baskets shortly. Also we hope that our altar servers will return soon and use our Holy Water fonts.

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.

**6TH CLASS BOYS OF SCOIL RÉALTA NA MAIDINE** are taking orders for Shamrock coat lapels for €4. To place an order before 5th March contact Siobhan Mahony on 0876229900.

**RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY CANCER SUPPORT HOUSE** will run a 6 week Thriving and Surviving course online via Zoom commencing Wednesday March 2nd from 10.30 am to 1 pm. The course is to help support people recovering after cancer treatment. If you are interested or would like to know more about this course, then please contact Reception on 066 7192122