**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 Newsletter in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am and no funeral on Sundays. **Baptisms** Saturday’s at 4pm. **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***

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**20th March 2022**

 *St. Mary’s Church is*

 *fitted with a loop*

 *system. Please adjust*

 *your hearing aid.*

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

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| Saturday19th  | Dan & Deb Guiney, & Sr. Mary Tarrant, Gurtcreen / Breda Sugrue, Keilduff / Danny & Eileen Hannon, The Square, request by Lartigue Theatre Group / Sr. Pius O Farrell, Church St. | **6.15pm****Vigil** |
| Sunday  20th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Paddy & Eileen McElligott, John & Nora McElligott & Billy McElligott, 60th Birthday Remembrance, Coolaclarig  | 11.30am |
| Mon 21st  | Anthony Greaney, Ballygologue Park /Sr. Margaret Stack, Cahirdown, **Rec. Dec.**  | 10.30am |
| Tues 22nd  | Tommy Mahoney, England /Monica Corridan nee Chute, Charles St. /Special Intention  | 10.30am |
| Wed 23rd  | Fr. Teddy Molyneaux, Woodford & Port Elizabeth, South Africa 3rd Anniversary /Joe Hannon, Charles St. /Phillis Diggin Tracey, Main St. Ballybunion & Dec. Mem of the Diggin & Tracey Families | 10.30am |
| Thurs 24th  | Dec. Mem. of the Sheehy Family, Aughrim Moyvane  | 10.30am |
| Fri. 25th  | Patrick O Sullivan, Ahanagran, Ballylongford  |  10.30am |
| Saturday 26th  | People of the parish  | 10.30am |
| Hannah Leahy nee Lyons, Dirha East **Rec. Dec.** / Lily Curtin, Coolaclarig / Paddy Lynch, Dirha Cottages / Fr. Teddy Molyneaux Woodford / Sr Margaret Stack, Cahirdown & Fr John Killeen, Galway | Vigil6.15pm |
|  Sunday27th  | Bir. Intention / Michael Quille, Woodford  | 9.00am |
| Ella Corridan, The Square, **Months Mind** / Stephen Stack, Cahirdown / Anne Wixted, Woodford, Birthday Rem. / Jim Quinlan, Coolnaleen / James & Joan Dore, Charles St. & Peg Dore, Lartigue Village / Mary & Peter Dowling, Woodford / Joe Hilliard, Cahirdown  | 11.30am |

**PRIEST ON DUTY**thisSunday Fr. O’Mahony, 087-6807197 for emergencies only.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Helen Kennelly, Market St. / Paddy Halpin Greenville / Patrick O Shaughnessy, William St. / David Bunyan Senior, Convent St. & Maureen & Joseph Lambert, Wexford.

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

**OUR RESPONSE TO POPE FRANCIS INVITATION FOR SYNOD 2023 TAKING PLACE IN LISTOWELON MONDAY MARCH 28th:** Following up on Pope Francis invitation to every member of the Church throughout the world to share their experiences, insights and hopes for the Church. Listowel Pastoral Council invite anybody from the parishes of  ***Listowel, Duagh, Moyvane & Lixnaw*** to an open meeting taking place at ***St. Michaels’ College, Listowel on Monday, 28th March at 7.30 p.m.*** giving people an opportunity for reflection, discussion and feedback in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. All are welcome and will finish within the hour. Further details: [***https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/Synod***](https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/Synod)

**TROCAIRE BOXES:** A very practical way to help the Poor of our World is to give your donation to Trócaire which is the Irish Church’s way to help the poor of the Third World Please take a Box at the back of the church and return during Holy Week. All information about Trócaire are within the envelope.

**THE CHOIR OF SIAMSA TÍRE, TRALEE** will sing at the 11.30 Mass on Sunday next 27th March.   They will sing "Aifreann na nDaoine" by Fr Pat Ahern, and pieces by Irish composers John Jones and Ronan Mc Donagh. The choir was founded by Fr Pat Ahern in St John's Church Tralee in 1957.  After over two years of no singing in public, it is their great pleasure to sing at Mass for the people of North Kerry.

**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. During the Lenten Season we ask you to continue praying for world peace the people of Ukraine.

**TO AVOID THE DISAPPOINTMENT** Booking of masses have to be booked at least a week of the date. Also, the maximum number of names that can be given into one intention is four names. Thanks for your co-operation.

**THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER:** is available in the Parish Office every Thursday morning for €2.50. Keep up with all latest news of what is happening in the Irish Church.

**RETURNING TO MINISTRY:** As we gradually return to normality following the pandemic, we are now looking for volunteers who might be willing to help out at our liturgies, especially for the Vigil Mass on Saturday and our Masses on the Sunday. We are looking for Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors and Counters. Perhaps you might be interested in singing at Mass and our Choir and Folk Group are always looking for new members. You might be a person looking to return to ministry after an absence. If you are someone who is willing to help in any of these ministries, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fr. Declan, Helen in the Sacristy, Denise in the Parish Office or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council or Liturgy Group. A sincere thanks to our Ministers for their assistance and continued support of our Parish.

 ***Fr. Declan & Parish Pastoral Council***

**INVITATION TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS:** We invite any boy or girl from 4th, 5th or 6th Classes from our Parish schools or if they regularly attend our Church to join. We really appreciate having our young people being actively involved here in our Church. We ask their parents to get them registered by contacting the relevant teacher at their school or contact the Parish Office directly for a form to get registered. Thank you.

**THE LEGION OF MARY** are organising the Annual Consecration to Our Lady On Sunday 27th March at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney. Everyone is very welcome or tune into Web Cam.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE NEXT WEEKEND:**

Many in our parish community have already established links with charitable projects to support refugees and those remaining in **UKRAINE** at this terrible time. Recognising these urgent needs, the **IRISH BISHOPS** are asking that a ***special collection be taken up at all Masses next weekend***. If you have not already contributed, give what you can afford.  People are also invited to support the charitable initiatives of Aid to the Church in Need, the Jesuit Refugee Service & Trócaire.  Trócaire is currently responding to the crisis through its partners Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Poland which have a strong presence in the region and can use resources strategically to the greatest effect***. Míle Buíochas***