***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th July 2023**

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**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 Newsletter in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am. **Baptisms** Saturday’s at 4pm. Check out our Parish Web Page at [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) for live streaming.

**MASSES THIS WEEK 16th – 23rd July**

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| Sat 15th | William Heffernan & deceased family Ballygologue Pk. / John McEnery, Cahirdown /  Anne Prendiville, Moyvane, bir. rem. /  Tom Fitzgerald, Church Street & Billerough /  Josephine Sugrue, O’Connell’s Ave. /  John Paul O Farrell, Church St. | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 16th | ***People of the parish*** | 9.00am |
| Edward O'Connor, England, **Rec. Dec. /**  Nuala McAuliffe, Convent St. **Months Mind** / Mary Brassil, Coolagown, **1st Ann.** | 11.30am |
| Mon 17th |  | 10.30am |
| Tues 18th | Eamon Tarrant, Church St. | 10.30am |
| Wed 19th | Michael & Catherine O Connor, Johnny Nolan & Peggy Hickey, & dec. family members, Curraughatoosane | 10.30am |
| Thurs 20th |  | 10.30am |
| Fri 21st | Noreen Guiney, Clieveragh Park | 10.30am |
| Sat. 22nd | Neillie Lyons, Finuge, **Months Mind** | 10.30am |
| Sandra Curtin Culhane, Killocrim, **Months Mind** /  Michael Hennessy, Billerough, **1st Ann**. / Hannah O Sullivan, Finuge, **1st Ann.** /  Josie Kennelly, Smearla Bridge /  Batt Hannon, Cois Baile / Albert Byrne, Dublin / Eugene, Eileen & John Paul McCarthy, Bunagara | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 23rd | Anthony Scanlon, Convent Rd & Coolaclarig, **Months Mind** /  Fr. Tim Gunn, Lisselton | 9.00am |
| Edward, Mary & Jack Carmody, Knockaure | 11.30am |

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Bill Joe Lucey, Charles St. / Jimmy & Bridie Dillon, Colbert St. / Neillie Canty, O’Connell’s Ave. & Ballyheigue / Josie Sugrue, O’Connell’s Ave. / Paddy Fealey & deceased family, Coolaclarig

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. O’Mahony, 087-6807197.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Adoration of the Blessed SACRAMENT:** Tuesday’s 11am. to 8pm. in the ***Adoration Room.*** Contact Ian on 0858407782 or Ann on 0872216590.

**JOIN ACCORD** - and train as a Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitator. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the ACCORD team in supporting couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Marriage. Please contact Aisling on 01-5053112 or email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - will take place from Sept. 1st to the 6th and will be led by Bishop Ray. Flights will be from Kerry Airport and bookings can be made through Marian Pilgrimages Dublin. Phone 01-8788159.

**World Youth Day 2023** - There are still three places remaining for the diocesan youth pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 to be held in Lisbon, Portugal. We fly out from Dublin on July 31st and return on August 8th. Pilgrims must be over 18 to travel. The cost of the pilgrimage is €1,400. Please contact Tomás Kenny on 086-3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie for more information or for an application form.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**VINCENTS’S SHOP** Patrick St. €2 Sale, massive end of season sale begins Wednesday 19th July, of all Mens, Ladies & Children Clothes. Call in and grab a bargain and help support people in need. Opening hours Wednesday to Friday 10am to 5pm & Saturday 10am to 1pm.

**MEMORY LANE THEATRE ARE A KERRY BASED COMMUNITY THEATRE GROUP.** This year we are paying tribute to one of our great Kerry writers, Brendan Kennelly, by staging his adaptation of Euripides, The Trojan Women. This play had it’s debut in the Peacock Theatre 30 years ago this year. It’s message and

sentiment has never been more significant or relevant than now with the ongoing conflicts in Europe. Brendan was an important national literary figure. He has a huge following and is greatly recognised in Dublin through his association with Trinity College.  All proceeds will benefit Amnesty International refugee fund. **The trojan women, by Brendan Kennelly,** at the Old Mill, Ballylongford, on 21st, 22nd & 23rd July, 7:30pm. Booking: Siobhán, 0667132564 or Ciarán on 0861664222. Tickets: €15.

***JUST A THOUGHT***

*A fable called* ***‘Never Give Up’***

‘*One day a farmer’s donkey fell into a well. There was no way out for the poor donkey. Finally, the farmer decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway. The farmer along with his neighbours all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. A few shovel loads later, the farmer looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something the farmer had never thought possible. The donkey would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer’s neighbours continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off! Life is also going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. No matter how deep the well, there is a way out. The best solution is to never give up. That is why Jesus beautifully extends such a beautiful invitation: “Come to me all you who labour and overburden and I will give you rest.” The heart of the message is that there is always a way out of our troubles. There are always stepping stones. Jesus doesn’t say I might give you rest, or I could give you rest. He says I will give you rest. So, no matter what is going on for you right now we have those beautiful words of Jesus to comfort us and give us light and hope when life gets difficult’.* ***James McSweeney***