***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd July 2023**



**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. **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 23rd – 30th July**

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| Sat 22nd  | Sandra Curtin Culhane, Killocrim, **Months Mind** /Michael Hennessy, Billerough, **1st Ann**. / Hannah O Sullivan, Finuge, **1st Ann.** /Robert & Bettie Moloney, The Square & George & Audrey O Grady, Ballybunion & Listowel / Josie Kennelly, Smearla Bridge /Mary Gallagher, England & Gortcreen / Batt Hannon, Cois Baile / Albert Byrne, Dublin / Eugene, Eileen & John Paul McCarthy, Bunagara  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 23rd  | Fr. Tim Gunn, Lisselton | 9.00am |
| Anthony Scanlon, Convent Rd & Coolaclarig, **Months Mind** / Edward, Mary & Jack Carmody, Knockaure /Nora & Tom Scannell, Skehenerin  | 11.30am |
| Mon 24th  | Margo Hinchy nee Kennelly, Ballygologue Rd./ Elsie Hope Leahy, Kenny Heights /Anne Finnerty, Wicklow  | 10.30am |
| Tues 25th | Special Intention & O’Rourke & White Family  | 10.30am |
| Wed 26th  | Ned & Annie Pellican & dec. mem. of the Fennelly Family, Derry | 10.30am |
| Thurs 27th  | Briede Murphy, Church St.  |  10.30am |
| Fri 28th  | Michael Downey, Cork, bir. rem. /Daniel & Catherine Flaherty, Red Cottages | 10.30am |
| Sat. 29th  | Katheen Doyle, Castleinch, **Months Mind** / Peggy O Connor, Finuge /Mona Dalton, Bridge Rd. /Paddy & Nora Sheehy, Bedford | 10.30am |
| Christy Angland, Knockane /Joe Sommers, Billerough & Clare /Paul Walsh, Greenville, Nora & Leah O Donoghue, Moyvane, Listowel & Perth / Teresa Bambury, bir. rem., Michael Bambury & John Gerald McMahon, Gortaglanna & Carrueragh, Kilmorna  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 30th  | ***People of the Parish***  | 9.00am |
| Mary & John Joe Hartnett, Clieveragh & deceased family members  | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS Sheila Keane nee Dowling,** O’Connell’s Ave.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Bridget (bridie) Canty, O’Connell’s Ave. / Bridie Dillon, Ennismore.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Walsh, 087-7913271.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

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

**DUAGH CEMETERY MASS**: will take place in Springmount on Thursday next at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL** - Thursday to Sunday 10th - 13th August 2023  The Youth 2000 Summer Festival is a four day Catholic event run by young people for young people from all across Ireland.  Hear amazing talks.  Meet other young Catholics.  Explore your Faith.  Come and see.  No set charge.  Donation only event.  We have free buses coming from all across Ireland.  To book your seat visit us at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL TIDY TOWNS Church Gate Collection** will be held next weekend. Saturday 29th and Sunday 30TH July.

**Road works** The proposed works on the N69 Tralee Listowel Road are rescheduled to commence on Monday 24th July 2023. These works will involve lane closures for a period of 6 weeks, traffic lights will be in place on a 24-hour basis. The works will commence on the Tralee tie-in. The Tralee tie-in works will be completed for the Revival Festival. The Listowel tie-in works will commence after the Revival Festival.

**Listowel, Irelands Tidiest Town 2018** Continuing, Listowel Tidy Towns Local Competitions. Judging of the 2023 Best Kept Estates, Roadside Gardens, Hanging Baskets & Window Box’s will commence week beginning: Monday July 29th. To enter, please give details to Oonagh @ Chemco Pharmacy, Market Street on or before: Sat. July 29th . SHOPFRONTS WILL BE JUDGED END OF AUGUST For enquiries contact: Mary @ 0876270033.

*JUST A THOUGHT*

‘***Obstacles don’t have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don’t turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it or work around it.***’ ~Michael Jordan

JK Rowling is one of the world’s bestselling children’s authors. She has written all the Harry Potter books. But it wasn’t an easy journey at first. Her first book is called ‘The Philosopher’s Stone’. It was rejected by twelve different publishing companies. But one small publisher called Bloomsbury decided to give the book a go. The reason the editor Barry Cunningham took the book on, was that he had given the first chapter to his eight-year-old daughter to have a read and she loved it. It was enough for him to print it and the book simply became an international best seller.

JK Rowling went through lots of rejection, but it was her inner strength and her belief in her own work that kept her going and gave her the confidence not to give up. Jesus in our Gospel stories also talked about rejection, about negativity in our world and about difficult times we all go through. In the middle of all of this he says we will find an inner strength that will get us through the difficulties and challenges that we will have to face.

It is our firm belief that our faith and believing in something gives us this inner strength and is sometimes called resilience. It gives us the hope and the courage to keep going. The author JK Rowling could so easily have given up, but she kept going because she believed in what she was about. Jesus also encourages us to keep going and to believe in what we are about. It’s not easy when life is tough and difficult, but we all have an inner strength to keep us going. We are invited to believe in this inner strength and it will keep us going when it matters most. ***James McSweeney***