***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th 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 30th – 6th**

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| Sat 29th  | Christy Angland, Knockane /Joe Sommers, Billerough & Clare /Paul Walsh, Greenville, Nora & Leah O Donoghue, Moyvane, Listowel & Perth / John Lynch & Anne Beresford nee Lynch, Knockane & England / 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 |
| Mon 31st  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Tues 1st  | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Wed 2nd  |  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 3rd  | Pierse Family Birthday Blessings |  10.30am |
| Fri 4th  |  | 10.30am |
| ***St. Padre Pio & First Friday Evening Mass*** / Mary Thornton, Dromin  | **6.45pm** |
| Sat. 5th  |  | 10.30am |
| Eileen, Connie & Paddy Leahy, Ballygologue Pk. /Dan (Charlie) O’Brien, Ballahadigue /Lily Hennessy, Killocrim /Margaret Kirby, Charles St.  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 6th  | ***People of the Parish***  | 9.00am |
|  | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS**

**Clare Hurley nee McCarthy,** Bedford late of Waterford.

**Moss Gaire,** Duagh Village.

**Anthony Doyle,** Manchester late of Clounmacon.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Ethne Fitzgerald nee Barry, Tanavalla / Kevin McAuliffe, Charles St.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Declan 087-0908949

**CHURCH NOTICES**

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

**KERRY DIOCESAN COLLECTION – PASTORAL CENTRE** will be taken up next weekend at all Masses.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL** For 16- to 35-year-olds in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday August 13th. 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. No set charge. Donation only event. Free buses from all across Ireland. To book your seat visit us at [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will take place from Sept 1st to the 6th led by Bishop Ray. Flights from Kerry Airport. Booking through Marian Pilgrimages Dublin.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**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.

**THREE GREAT NIGHTS OF MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL** - from Fri 18th Aug to Sun 20th Aug 2023. Fri 18th Michael English and his band €30. Sat 19th ABBA-esque €22. Sun 20th Trudi Lalor and the Matrimony Band with Paddy O'Brien and TR Dallas €25. You can also get a weekend pass for €65, fantastic value. Full Bar Facilities as well as numerous Spot Prizes each night. Contact 087-2684540 or get them on Eventbrite.ie.

*Just A Thought*

***For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.’ ~ Matthew 6:21***

There are different meanings to the word treasure. It can mean wealth such as money, jewels or precious metals like gold all stored up and hoarded away. It can also mean something of great worth or value or someone who is rare and precious.

Jesus used both meanings to get across an important message. He says there is little to be gained by storing up lots of treasure in the form of money and wealth. Trying to mind it brings worry and stress and it is well known that lots of money does not guarantee happiness. Instead, Jesus reminds us that real treasure is to be found within. We have a most beautiful line that Jesus shared: “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*.” When a person is full of kindness, love, generosity and shares lots of blessings they are such a treasure.  And we know it too. We sometimes say of a person: “*They are such a treasure*.” What a beautiful complement. Jesus was a man full of wisdom. He knew so well that many people were searching in the wrong place for happiness. Getting rich and wealthy is no guarantee of happiness. So many still search in the wrong place for happiness today.

The key message is that real treasure is to be found within. Can you go within to find your treasure? Can you begin to believe in your goodness, in your kindness, in your love and in the beautiful difference you make to our world each day? Because if you can, you have found real treasure!

 ***James McSweeney***

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Good Luck today to the Kerry team

in the All-Ireland