***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th August 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 20th – 27th August**

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| Sat 19th  | Kathleen O Donnell, Ennismore /Betty Griffin, Ballygologue Pk. /John Guiney Junior, Charels St. /Joe & Margaret O Sullivan, Tanavalla /Sean Thorton, Clieveragh /Paddy Stack, Woodford /Kay O Connor, Craughatoosane  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 20th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Pat Halpin, Ballygologue Pk. /Robert Toomey, Ballahadigue /Kathleen & Brendan Daly, William St. /Martin (Sonny) O’Flaherty, O’Connell’s Ave. | 11.30am  |
| Mon 21st | Fr. Donal O Connor | 10.30am |
| Tues 22nd  | Fr. Kevin McNamara | 10.30am |
| Wed 23rd  | Carmel Walshe, Clieveragh Park /James, Hannah, Athur & Bill O Leary, West Cork  | 10.30am  |
| Thurs 24th | Paddy O Donnell, Knockane, **Months Mind** / Sean Wight, Ballygrennan  |  10.30am |
| Fri 25th | Carmel Lynch, Billerough, Bir. Rem. | 10.30am |
| Sat. 26th  | Clare Hurley, Bedford, **Months Mind** | 10.30am |
| Sheila Keane, O’Connell’s Ave., **Months mind** / Dermot Kennelly, Tarbet & Moyvane /Steven Foran, Listowel / Anne Walsh nee Lynch & John Walsh, O’Connell’s Ave.  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 27th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Sheila Laide, Ballygologue Park  | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS Mary Lynch,** Ballygologue Pk., late of Dirha Cottages.

**Aldy Dillon,** Foildarrig.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Patrick Buckley, Behins.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. O’Sullivan, 0872461749.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**Adoration of the Blessed SACRAMENT:** Tuesday’s 11am. to 8pm. in the *Adoration Room.* Anyone visiting and staying for an hour or two can you please sign the visiting book while there.

***Please note parish weekly envelopes*** if you have a few weekly envelopes to put into the basket in the one mass do you know that you can put all the offerings into one envelope. It saves you looking for change putting into individual envelopes and with one envelope also saves time with the admin individually inputting one at a time.

**DEACON THADY O’CONNOR’S NEW BOOK AND CD** The book is available from Listowel Parish Office with all proceeds donated to charity.

**PETITIONS FOR LOURDES- Anyone** who would like a prayer petition taken to the Grotto at Lourdes? There is a box in the parish office where you can put your petition, please put in an envelope. Our youth group will place them at the Grotto for you when they go with the Diocese to Lourdes the 1st of September. Please have your petitions in by the 30th of August.

**SEASON OF CREATION 2023** The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the gift and beauty of God’s creation and encourages initiatives to protect our Common Home.

This year’s theme **“Let Justice and Peace Flow”** is inspired by the Prophet Amos. *“Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*” (Amos 5: 24).

As Christians we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

**LISTOWEL PARISH: JOINS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** We wish all travelling to Knock from our Parish joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage every blessing on Saturday next (August 26th). Be assured of a remembrance in our prayers.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**BALLYBUNION BLOOD DONATION** Both regular and new donors are urged to attend as this time of year poses challenges for clinic attendance numbers due the holiday season. Ballybunion Community Centre, Thursday 24th August, 16:50 - 20:10. New Donors welcome. For appointment, please phone 1800 222 111.

***Just a Thought***

NOTHING is as contagious as an **EXAMPLE**. We never do great food or great evil without bringing about more of the same on the part of others. At onetime or another, in great ways or small you are an example, a role model, even and inspiration for others. This is true even when you’re unaware of the impact you are having. You make a difference by the way you handle personal crisis, treat a child, do your job, and spend your spare time. It’s natural that most people influence family and friends, neighbours, and co-workers. But it doesn’t end there. Touch one person’s life and countless others are affected. Young people in particular are likely to imitate not just what others say, but what they do. Whether you’re young or old sick or healthy, rich, or poor, you can be an example for good in the way you live your life. It is important to recognise your value. You can make the world a better place for having been in it. **Ann Conroy**