***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th September 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 10th – 17th September**

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| Sat 9th | Valerie Stack, Bunagara, **Birthday Rem** / Padraig Kelly, Bridge Rd. /  Geraldine Daly, Castleinch /  Nora Browne, Coolagown /  Brendan Hynes, Fairhouse, Dublin /  Tony O Callaghan, Cahirdown /  Mike & Mary Lynch, Lisselton & Liosarda /  John Ryan, Skehenerin /  Mikie, Margaret & Hannah Kennelly, Coolaclarig /  Michael Whelan & deceased members of the Whelan Family, Market St. | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 10th | Oliver O Neill, Cahirdown | 9.00am |
| ***People of the Parish*** | 11.30am |
| Mon 11th | Annual mass for fine weather for the races | 10.30am |
| Tues 12th | Chloe McCool, Feale Drive | 10.30am |
| Wed 13th | Patrick, Mary, Margaret, John & Philomena O’Driscoll, West Cork | 10.30am |
| Thurs 14th | Hannah, Vera, Pat & Margaret Buckley, Gortnaminch / Kathleen Doyle, Bridge Rd | 10.30am |
| Fri 15th | Deceased members of the Morris & O’Neill Families, Donegal & Tyrone /  Tim Crowe, Limerick | 10.30am |
| Sat. 16th | Mary Lynch, Ballygologue Pk., **Months Mind** / Moira & Tim Griffin, Coolagown / Patsy Stack, Gortcreen | 10.30am |
| Dan Broderick, Bunagara /  Ellen McMahon, Gortaglanna, Kilmorna / Bernie O Connell, Woodview | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 17th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Simonie, Kate & Jimmy Doherty &  Nora, Michael, Jim & John O Brien /  Patrick Foley, Well Street, Ballylongford | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS**

**Beatrice Carmody nee Buckley**, William St.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Keane, 0872844649.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**AUTUMN STATION DUES / OFFERINGS**: which help to support your priests at this time of year are now due and are in your envelope box. Alternatively, there are some loose envelopes at the back of the church. Drop into offertory plate or Parish Office at any time throughout the month of September. Your ongoing support is much appreciated. *Many thanks*

**Adoration of the Blessed SACRAMENT:** Tuesday’s 11am. to 8pm. in the *Adoration Room.*

**PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** Sunday September 17th. A coach will leave St. Mary’s, Listowel at 7:45am going via Ballybunion, Asdee, Ballylongford & Tarbert. Contact Bernadette on 0876019474.

**THE TOTUS TUUS MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE 2023** - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2pm.  Speakers for this year’s Conference are  Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Celebrating 50 years in Ireland. All Married Couples deserve a weekend break. It will be take place on ***13-14-15 Oct 2023***, in The Cork International Hotel. Register online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**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.

**LISTOWEL ST VINCENT DE PAUL** The amount raised in our recent collections at masses in our cluster area was €3047.02. Many thanks for your ongoing support which is very much appreciated

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL RACES ACCOMMODATION OFFICE** is open in the square above Christy's well bar 11am until 4pm and we are looking for anyone that is letting accommodation for race week or anyone that is looking for accommodation please call into the office or call Maria on 0876652211 thank you.

**THERE WILL BE A COMMEMORATION** at the Bob Browne memorial in Knockalougha on Thursday 21st September at 7pm.  All welcome.

**GALA CONCERT—RED HURLEY** with St. John’s Gregorian Choir, Kerry School of Music Orchestra and Kerry Chamber Choir. ***“How Great Thou Art”* Sunday September 24th  in St. John’s Church at 7.30pm.** Tickets €20 available in St. John’s Parish Centre or from Michael Fox O’Connor on 087 9833075.  Tickets will also be available at the door on the night. *Proceeds in aid of Kerry Hospice.*

***Just a Thought***

When we describe someone as a ***fiery person***, we usually see them in a negative way. It implies that the person is hot tempered, moody and unpredictable.

Then when we use the words ‘***fired up’*** it is normally used in a positive way. We get fired up before a match or something important in our lives.

When we use the words ‘***fired up’*** in connection with God, it is also positive. It means that we are enthusiastic and upbeat in what we believe in. We feel that our faith is helpful, positive and something good in our lives. It fires us up, to help us get through any given day.

Our fire may sometimes be weak and barely noticeable, while at other times we have boundless energy and enthusiasm. There is no right or wrong place to be when it comes to faith matters. But anything that gives us hope, energy and positivity can only be a good thing. Hopefully today and throughout this week you will find hope, energy and positivity. Even if it comes in small bundles, we welcome them with open arms. ***James McSweeney***