***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 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 24th – 1st October**

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| Sat 23rd  | Mary O Halloran, Castleinch & Church St., **1st Ann.** / Denis Stack, Clieveragh /Robert & Nora O Shea, Charles St. /Phil Healy, Greenville  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 24th  | David & John Harmen, Cahirdown & William St.  | 9.00am |
| Jim Sheahan, Greenville, **1st Ann.** /Maurice Brendan (Benny) McNamara, Dromclough / Margaret, Timothy & Nicholas Leahy, Upper Athea /Anne Wixted, Ballinruddery /Elizabeth Barrett, Golf View | 11.30am |
| Mon 25th  | James O Sullivan, Newcastle West & Charles St. | 10.30am |
| Tues 26th  | Anne Hannan nee Breen, Ballygologue Pk / Bridie O Sullivan, Tralee & Ennismore, Birthday Remembrance | 10.30am |
| Wed 27th  |  | 10.30am  |
| Thurs 28th  | John Enright & Jim & Mary Enright, Drumurrin |  10.30am |
| Fri 29th  | Beatrice Carmody, William St. **Months Mind**  | 10.30am |
| Sat. 30th  | Angela Caslin, Jack & Mamie O Connor /Dan Joy, Killocrim & Pat & Margaret O Sullivan, Finuge | 10.30am |
| Anne Carey, Ballygologue Rd. **Months Mind** & Patrick Carey & John & Josephine Woulfe / Mary O Connor nee Enright, Bedford, **1st Anniversary** /Michael McCarron, Gurtinard  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 1st  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Peggy O Connor, Market St. & Clieveragh Pk. / Martin McGrath, Cahirdown / Maureen & Danile Hayes, Gortacrissane / John, Hannah, Mary Eileen, Dora & Annmarie Guerin, Cromane / Paddy O Sullivan & dec. family, Meen | 11.30am |

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Walsh, 0877913271

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**AUTUMN STATION DUES / OFFERINGS**: Many thanks to those of you who have already dropped in your Autumn Station Dues / Offerings which are due at this time of year. They help to support your priests at this time of year 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.*

**LISTOWEL PARISH MISSION**: led by the Redemptorist Mission Team, Limerick will take place at ***St. Mary’s Church, Listowel*** beginning at the ***Vigil Mass*** on ***Saturday 7th October*** and ending on ***Friday night, 13th October***. A parishioner will promote the event at each of our masses next weekend. There is a comprehensive programme of events to help us all re-invigorate our faith and help us all to ***reconnect***after a few difficult years with Covid. There are some brochures and a Poster at the back of each of our churches. See also the advert in the Advertiser this week. All are most welcome to come to each of the daily masses 7.00 a.m. or 10.30 a.m. or the evening sessions at 7.30 p.m.

**BOOKING OF MASSES 2024:** All mass intentions, must be booked at least a week in advance as the newsletter is prepared a week ahead. Also, with more intentions happening each day the maximum number of names that can be given into ***one intention is four names***. Thanks for your co-operation. We advise you if you wish to book a mass for the ***year 2024, the Diary will be open at the Parish Office from 2nd October 2023 onwards***. Thanks

**SYNOD IN ROME BEGINS ON SUNDAY NEXT (Oct. 1st )**: and continues for the month. Overview of the complete working document on the Synod is available, just ***Google “Instrumentum Laboris Synod”.***

**PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD (GATHERING OF THE PEOPLES)**

There will be a time of ecumenical prayer and reflection to mark the opening (in Rome) of the Synod on Synodality at St John’s Church, Castle Street, Tralee. Saturday 30th September 3pm to 4pm. All welcome.

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RAY**

**OUR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES TO KNOCK & LOURDES** Sincere thanks to all involved in the local organizing and staging of our pilgrimages. Thanks to deacon Pat Coffey, our diocesan director of the Knock pilgrimage. People enjoyed Knock very much. Saturday seems the right day for Knock, good too that it enabled a good number of priests to be present. The bus trip was enjoyable and relaxing with the good road from Adare. Next year’s date is likely to be August 24th. 150 travelled to Lourdes. Next year we hope to bring once more ‘assisted pilgrims’ (40 to 50 usually). This will require re-assembling the team to assist them (a doctor, nurses, other support staff, youth from secondary schools). New team members will be welcome, and parishes can help identify those who would benefit from travelling as ‘assisted pilgrims. Finally, in wonderful sunshine the annual Mass at ‘Our Lady’s Well’ Ballyheigue was a joyful spiritual occasion. Amazing to see as many as 2,000 reverently participate in the Mass. Many other parishes have strong traditions of Holy Wells. It is good to promote prayer at these Holy Wells - especially where there is a tradition of people visiting the wells regularly and set on a popular annual Pattern Day.

***Bishop Ray Browne***

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**TUSLA KERRY IS SEEKING FOSTER CARERS** across the county Information evenings 6:30pm to 7:30pm Tralee: The Rose Hotel, Wednesday 4th of October Killarney: Scotts Hotel Killarney, Wednesday 11th of October Listowel: The Listowel Arms Hotel, Tuesday 17th of October For more information or register for an information session: Call: Freephone 1800 226 771 Email: **tusla.fostering@tusla.ie** Visit: fostering.ie