

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

***2nd Sunday of Advent 10th December***

**Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**.**Email:** listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie. [www.listowelparish.com](http://www.listowelparish.com) to stream masses, forms & info. *Notices for Newsletter in by 2.00pm on Thursdays***.** **Booking of Masses:** All mass intentions, must be booked at least a week before because the newsletter is a week ahead. After hours emergency number 0870908949.

 **Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am. **Baptisms** Saturday’s at 4pm.

**MASSES THIS WEEK 10th – 17th December**

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| Sat 9th   | Gerard Dillon, The Paddocks, **Months Mind** /John Quilter, Dirha East, **1st Ann**. /Caroline Enright, Feale Drive /Margaret Moloney, Derry /Bridget Toomey, Dirha Cottages /Deceased members of the Lartigue Theatre Group | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 10th  | Mary, John & Tom Daly, Bridge Rd. /William Doyle, Fourhane | 9.00am |
| Brendan O Sullivan, Woodford, **1st Ann**. / Eileen Halpin, Clounmacon, **1st Ann**. / Helen McConnell nee Rowan, O’Connell’s Ave. & deceased family members /Elaine, Dermot & Kenneth Foran, Ballygrennan/ Nora Walsh, Greenville  | 11.30am |
| Mon 11th  | Private Intention  | 10.30am |
| Tues 12th  | Kevin Casey, Woodford /Nora, Conor, John & Con Flynn, Newmarket | 10.30am |
| Wed 13th  | Tony Dunn, Ballygologue Pk., **1st Ann.** | 10.30am |
| Thurs 14th  | Nora & Bridie Daly, Irremore, Mountcoal |  10.30am |
| Fri 15th  | ***St. Michael’s College Christmas Mass***Mick & Mai Carr, Moyvane  | 10.30am |
| Sat. 16th    | Cyril O Gorman, Clieveragh /Danny B Joy, Gortnaminch /William & Hannah Corkery, Lixnaw /Gerard O Sullivan, Ballylongford | 10.30am |
| Kitty Curtin Dromin, 1st Anniversary /Gerard O Sullivan, Ballylongford /Kay & John McGrath, Coolaclarig &Maurice, Bridget & Denis Harty, Causeway / Betty & Buddy Brosnan, Lyre /Patrick (PJ) Mahoney, Convent View /John Quilter & deceased members of the Quilter & Browne Families, Kilflynn & Waterford  |  Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun17th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Tom Keane, Derry /Edmund Murphy, Behins /Deceased members of the Bartishell Family, Convent St.  |  11.30am |

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. O’Sullivan, 087-2461749.

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS Lisha Given,** Cahirdown.

**Patrick (Pasty) Enright,** Late of Dromerin died in Essex. Funeral arrangements at a later date in Listowel.

**Margaret Whyte nee Lawlor *Bedford Funeral Mass*** on Monday 11th Dec. at 11.30 a.m. with Burial in St. John Paul II Cemetery.

**Maureen Barry nee Yates, *Billerough Funeral Mass*** on Thursday 14th at 11:30am. burial in St. John Paul II Cemetery

**ANNIVERSARY REMEBRANCES** David Bunyan Sen. Convent St. & Kildimer, Clare / Maire Kelliher, Lartigue Village / Patrick O Connor, O’Connell’s Ave. / Nora Naughton & Mary Ellen Hartnett.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS:** will host the ***Vigil Mass on this Saturday 9th Dec. at 6.15 p.m***.

**ADORATION FOR ADVENT** Adoration will take please every Sunday during Advent 3pm. to 6pm. ***Please note that Adoration will not take place on Tuesday 26th December St. Stephen’s Day.***

**CHRISTMAS MASSES THIS WEEK:**

**Tuesday: Community Hospital at 2.00 p.m.**

**Tuesday: Writers Grove at 7.00 p.m.**

**Friday: St. Michael’s College in the Church at 10.30 a.m.**

**Friday: Nano Nagle at 1.30 a.m.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS BOOKINGS** All Christmas Eve mass intentions in the Church are fully booked. There are a few left for Christmas Day, 9am. & 11:30am.

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*LISTOWEL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023*

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS NIGHT**

***Monday, 18th December at 8.00 p.m. with visiting priests.***

***As Christmas Eve. is falling on a Sunday this year, there will be no 9.00am or 11:30am. morning mass but we will have three Christmas Eve Masses. The usual Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23rd will take place.***

***CHRISTMAS MASSES***

***CHRISTMAS EVE****:* ***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH***

**4.00 p.m**. (Children’s Mass) Parish Folk Group

**6.00 p.m**. (Family Mass) Parish Folk Group) & will be broadcast on Radio Kerry.

**8.00 p.m.** (Family Mass) with Parish Choir

***CHRISTMAS DAY***: ***MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH***

**9.00 a.m.** (Family Mass) Parish Folk Group

**11.30 a.m**. (Family Mass) Parish Choir

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**LISTOWEL PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** areavailable at the **Parish office**. A pack of 6 for €5.00. Also, Christmas Mass Bouquet cards

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** that support your priests will be taken up at all the Christmas Eve & Christmas. Envelope is available in your box or there are loose ones available at the back of the church or in the Parish Office. Thanks

**SAFE THE DATE:** Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Assisted pilgrims will take place from Thursday 29th August to Tuesday 3rd September 2024.  More Information to follow early in 2024.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** Spiritual Director: Fr. Francis Nolan. 11th -18th    September 2024. Return flights from Cork to Dubrovnik. Cost €879 inclusive of flights, bus transfers, accommodation and food.  For details & bookings contact: Group Leader - Maura O’Keeffe Harcksen (Tralee),Tel: 066 7127143 or 087 1517696.

**SAMARITANS:** Have their usual Church Gate Collection at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

***PARISH OFFICE will be closed from 1pm. Friday 22nd December and will open Wednesday 3rd January 2024.***

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**KERRY CHORAL UNION PRESENTS** 'O Holy Night', a Christmas Gala Concert at the church of St John, Castle Street, Tralee at 7:30pm on Sunday December 10th A programme of seasonal favourites old and new to welcome in the festive season and to reflect on Christmas in troubled times. Tickets available on the door €20.

**LISTOWEL HOSPICE REMEMBRANCE TREE** Remember your loved ones this Christmas and tie a Yellow Ribbon on the Remembrance Tree outside St. John’s Theatre. Ribbons can be purchased for €5 in various retailers in town.  A ceremony by the tree in memory of our loved ones will take place on Saturday 16th December at 5pm. Ribbons can be purchased at the ceremony also.

**ARD CHÚRAM NORTH KERRY DAY CENTRE** wishes to thank everyone on their successful annual collection that took place recently. A special thanks to the volunteers and TY student from St. Michael’s College.

**LISTOWEL/DUAGH COMHALTAS** will hold a Seisiún Na Nollaig on Friday 15th December at 7pm in the Kerry Writers Museum. No entry charge. New students / members may register on the night for new term starting on the 13th of January,