

***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

***4th Sunday of Advent 23rd 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.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, ***Fr. Carmody 087-9601549***.

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS Alan Mahoney,** Ballygologue Pk.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEBRANCES**

**MASSES**

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| Sat. 23rd | ***People of the Parish*** | 10.30am |
| Margaret & Thomas Brosnan, Coolagown & London / Deceased members of the Ferris, Stack & Kearney, Families /Sean Curtin, St. Brendan’s Terrace  |  Vigil6.15pm |

**ADORATION, *please note that Adoration will not take place on Tuesday 26th December St. Stephen’s Day.***

***Christmas Eve Masses***

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| Sun24th | Nell & Jack O Connor, Denis Kelly & Jade Foley, Gortcreen /Pat, Catherine, Dan & Susanna Browne Church St. & Dromin /Maire Fealy, Courthouse Rd, Birthday Remembrance / Margaret Carmody, Knockroe Drive & Moybella / Oliver O Neill, Cahirdown / Patrick, Kathleen, Patsy & Mai Stack, Gortcreen / Teresa & Billy O Sullivan & Mary Gallagher, England / Deceased members of the Fealey, Walsh & Lyons Families, Ennismore, Craughatoosane & Ballygarrett.  | ***4pm*** |
|  Michael & Pauline Kennedy, Ballysimon, Limerick & daughter Yvonne Moloney nee Kennedy, recently deceased, birthday remembrance / Michael McDonnell, Clare & London / Laurence, Ellen & Maurice Collins, Kilmorna / Margo Sharp, Listowel & England /Michael, Mary, Michael Gerald & Eamon O Connor, Patrick St. / Michael Heaphy, Ballylongford / Tommy & Anne O Connor, Asdee | ***6pm*** |
| Bill O Sullivan, Coilbee & dec members of the O’Sullivan & Browne Families /Michael Molyneaux, O’connell ’s Ave. / Bridie Sayers, Greenville /Bridie Mulligan & Jule Scanlon, Bridge Rd. /Deceased members of the Corridan, Fitzgerald & Moriarty families / Philomena Donnelly, Roscommon / Paddy & Eva Hogan, Ennis | ***8pm*** |

***Christmas Day Masses***

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| Mon25th  | Jim & Anne O Sullivan, Charles St. /Lila Stack, Charles St. & Eileen Cotter, Glenoe /John O Brien, Cahirdown / Deceased members of the O’Brien, Doherty & Hallacy Families /Katheen, Tom & Josie Doyle & Bridie Hassett /Maureen Molyneaux, Bedford & London  | ***9am*** |
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| Charlie Chute, Greenville / Rich Kissane, Clountubird / Daniel, Elizabeth & Angela Kearney, Moyvane / William, Ellen, Mairea & Anne Walsh, Pollagh / Hannah Mulvihill, Bedford / Betty Kennelly, Ashfield /Maire & John Roche, Ballylongford & Jack & Kathleen Roche, Cork & Margaret & Louis Keating, Ballylongford  | ***11:30am*** |

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*LISTOWEL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023*

***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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**PARISH OFFICE** will be will re-open on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 10.00 a.m. Fr. Declan is available most days after the 10.30 am. daily mass and is available for emergency only on 087-0908949

Just a Thought

***God is a circle whose centre is everywhere.’***

 *Timaeus of Locris*

The circle is a universal and sacred symbol with many meanings. It represents eternity, timelessness, totality, wholeness and God. It is a symbol of unity. It is also the symbol of infinity. It does not have a beginning or end nor does it have sides or a corner. No other shape is as unique or as complete as a circle.

In ancient culture the yin and yang symbol is represented as a circle divided into two equal parts by a curved line. One side represents the yang (masculine) and the other is the yin (feminine). Both are beautifully balanced and represent harmony and balance. When there is too much of one, the circle becomes out of balance. The invitation is to constantly find the balance and harmony in life as best we can.

For thousands of years the circle represents God. God is the circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference in nowhere. This ties in with our expanding universe. We know our planets circle around the sun and we know that the moon circles around our planet earth every month. We are surrounded by the beauty of circles.

The idea of God as a circle is inclusive, meaningful and accurate. God like a circle is at the centre of everything, not just the good stuff, but also the difficult and challenging moments in our lives too. When life gets difficult it is our belief that we are circled in light and love.

As we celebrate Christmas, it is all about celebrating a God who is at the centre of everything and the centre of our lives. If our lives feel out of balance as they sometimes do, we are invited to let the circle of God’s light and love bring some beautiful balance back in. Christmas is such a lovely time to begin to let this balance return.

***Fr. James McSweeney***