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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

***3rd Sunday in ordinary time 21st Jan.***

**Parish Office (Mon – Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm) 068-21188**.**Email:** [listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto: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 21st – 28th January**

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| Sat 20th | Alan Mahoney, Ballygologue Pk., **Months Mind** / Jerry Kieran, Listowel & Dublin /  / Nell & Simon Loughnane, St. Brendan’s Tce. / Christopher Hennessy, Bedford /  Elizabeth Browne, St. Brendan’s Tce. /  Denis Curtin, Coolaclarig / Martin, Nora & Pauline Carey, Cluain Doire / Tommy Kelly, Ballygologue Pk & Duagh & Eileen Kelly /  Pat Blount, Feale Drive | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun  21st | Dan, Christina & Bridget Enright, Ennismore | 9.00am |
| Kathleen Pinheiro nee Halpin, Bedford, London & Canada, **recently deceased** /  Noreen Foley, Well St., Ballylongford /  Fiona O Connor, The Square /  Nellie, Tommy, Thomas & Jack Evans, Lispole & Paudy Garvey | 11.30am |
| Mon 22nd | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Tues 23rd | Tim & Tony Buckley, Gortnaminch /  Jerry Hurley, Bedford | 10.30am |
| Wed 24th | ***St. Michael’s College School Students*** | 10.30am |
| Thurs  25th | Kay Harnett, Church St. & Ballylongford | 10.30am |
| Fri  26th | Joe & Philly, Shanahan, Dromin /  Sergeant Andy Tracey, Charles St. & dec. mem. of the Tracey & Healy Families | 10.30am |
| Sat. 27th | Patricia Dillon, Ballygologue Pk | 10.30am |
| Billy Galvin, Greenville, 1st Anniversary /  Anthony Kennelly, Smearla Bridge /  Michael Bambury, Gortaglanna, Kilmorna / Mary Regan, Dromin / Kay Boylan nee McAuliffe, Coonagh, Limerick & Colbert St. | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 28th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Dec. mem. of the O’Brien, O’Doherty & Hallisey Families | 11.30am |

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

**ANNIVERSARY REMEBRANCES** Martin O' Quigley Church St.

**FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS:** will host the ***Vigil Mass on this Saturday evening 20th January. at 6.15 p.m***.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**DIOCESAN MISSION 2024 BEGINS THIS SUNDAY** The diocesan mission, Hope Alive!, Sun. Jan 21st – Wed. Jan 24th. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Adi Roche, CEO of Chernobyl Children Ireland on Welcoming the Stranger. Dr Michael Conway teaches Faith and Culture at St Patrick’s College, Maynooth will speak on Church in Today’s World. Dr Keith Gaynor, clinical psychologist and parent will speak on Wellbeing, and Jane Mellett, Trócaire will speak on Seeds of Hope. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website.. [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) ***Please pick up a pamphlet at the back of the church with the full programme***

**LISTOWEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on this ***Monday 22nd January at 7pm***. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

**CONFIRMATON TEACHERS MEETING**: will take place this ***Tuesday, January 23rd at 1.00 p.m***. in the Presbytery.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**: will meet on ***Tuesday, January 23rd*** *at 7.00 p.m..* in the Presbytery.

**ST. MICHAEL’S COLLEGE STUDENTS** who are hosting the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday next, 24th Jan. as part of Catholic Schools week.

***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK*** begins this Sunday, 21- 27th January:

The theme for 2024 is: “Catholic Schools: Communities of Service”. *Five days, Monday to Friday, five levels of community service:* Service in our: community of Friends / school community / family community / local community / faith community. We thank God for all our young people and their homes, for our schools and all school communities. We encourage that all parishes, all homes and all schools work together to give all children and youth the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Lord God, we ask that you help us understand how to be a true friend to one another and to you. We are all called to treat everyone we meet with love, respect and kindness. Let our lives be known for serving you through serving others. Help us to always remember your commandment to love one another. Amen ***+ Bishop Ray Browne***

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** (Thurs. 18th to Thurs 25th January, Feast of the Conversion of St Paul). This week has been celebrated worldwide since 1908. The theme this year has been chosen by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso: “*You shall love the Lord your God … and your neighbor as yourself.” Lk 10:27.* God is love, love one another, - surely a theme that unites all Christians. Further materials and prayers in English and Irish at: ctbi.org.uk/week of prayer.***+ Bishop Ray Browne***

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION COMMITTEE** will be holding their monthly meeting in the **Parish meeting room St. Marys Church Listowel on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.30p.m.** covering the Parishes of the Pastoral areas of Listowel and North Kerry. The committee would very much appreciate **representative from each Parish of:** Listowel, Lixnaw / Rathea / Irremore, Duagh / Lyreacrompane, Moyvane / Knockanure, Tarbert, Ballylongford / Asdee, Ballybunion, Ballydonoghue. Deacon Thady O’Connor will be in attendance as our Chaplain. Further Info from: Margaret 087 2976304/ Maureen 087 951 4352.

**BRENDAN WALSH INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISER** will lead a day of healing and teaching at Our Lady Of Lourdes Church Scartaglen on this Sunday Jan 21st, starting at 2.30 pm, Deacon Thady will preside over Exposition of the  Blessed Sacrament followed by the Rite of Benediction. The day will be accompanied by Sacred Music with Richard Curran.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PARKINSON'S INFORMATION EVENT** Dr. Helena Moore, Consultant Neurologist at the Bons Secours Hospital, Tralee. Dr. Moore will give a 1-hour presentation followed by Questions & Answers session in The Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee at 6.30pm – 8pm on Thursday, 25th of January, 2024. This is a free event open to people affected by Parkinson's, their friends, families and wider community.

**FUNDRAISER FOR CENACOLO COMMUNITY, KNOCK**. A Community for people with addiction. A tea dance will take place in Asdee Community Centre on 4th February 2024, from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. Music is by The Singing Jarvey.

Admission 10.00 euro. Tickets are available now at : Listowel Parish Office. Prizes for the raffle include: **First prize, return trip to Medjugorje for one person in 2024.** **Second prize, B&B for two people, plus evening meal in Adare Manor,** value, 1,400 euro. **Third prize, B&B for two people at the Woodlands Hotel, Adare**. Contact Mairéad, 087 6004379.