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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

***2nd Sunday of Lent 25th February***

**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 25th – 3rd March**

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| Sat 24th | Mary Scully, O’Connell’s Ave. **1st Ann.** /  Kevin Lucey, Knockroe Dr. & Charles St. /  Ellen & Patrick Lyons, Clieveragh /  Eileen Kennelly, Upper Church St. /  Tim, Joan & Patrick Buckley, Knockane /  Ellen Corridan, The Square & dec. family /  Maud Carmody, Meen / Jospeh & Mary O’Connell, Moyvane /  Ellen O Connor, River Rd., Finuge / Lil, Pat & John Horgan, Charles St. / Kathleen Heffernan, Clieveragh. | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 25th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Tom Hannon, Willowbrook & Phillis Kaye & George Galea, Malta / Teresa Kelleher, Macroom & Listowel /  Michael & Frances O Brien, John McCarthy Feale Dr. & Michael O Brien, Killarney | 11.30am |
| Mon 26th | Arthur O Brien, Listowel | 10.30am |
| Tues 27th | Ted Keane, Slievecahill & Joan Brown, Dublin /  Joan Hayes, Bridge Rd., Birthday Remembrance | 10.30am |
| Wed 28th | Wulf Sobieralski, Ballygologue Pk. & Germany | 10.30am |
| Thurs 29th | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Fri 1st | John Joe Galvin, Rathea, **Months Mind** /  Tom & Mary O Donnell & deceased family, Ballylongford / | 10.30am |
| ***St. Padre Pio & 1st Friday evening mass*** | ***6.45pm*** |
| Sat. 2nd | Martin Mulvihill, Cahirdown, **1st Anniversary** | 10.30am |
| Maureen Quinn, Dirha Cottages, **Months Mind** & 90th bir. rem. / Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /  Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane, Timothy O Flaherty, Athea & Newcastle West / Tom & Bridie Flavin, Kilmorna /  William (Bill) Dennehy, O’Connell’s Ave. | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 3rd | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Elaine Galvin, Bedford, **Months Mind** /  Ned Carey, Greenville /  Mary, Jack & Edward Carmody, Knockanure | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS** **Tom Molyneaux,** Behins East.

**Mary Stack nee Hanlon,** Syracuse, America late of O’Connell’s Ave. funeral to take place in America, months mind Saturday 9th March in St. Mary’s Church, Listowel at 10:30am mass.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Walsh, 087-7913271

**ANNIVERSARY REMEBRANCES** , Mary Wixted Murroe Co. Limerick / Ellen O Connor, River Rd., Finuge.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**THE WAR IN UKRAINE** This weekend of the 24/25th February marks the second anniversary of the start of Russia’s war on Ukraine. Mindful of how many Ukrainians have taken refuge among us, please acknowledge and pray for the people of the Ukraine.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**: We will pray a short Stations of the Cross after the 10.30 a.m. Mass each Friday morning during Lent.

**LENTEN SACRED SPACE**: We bring your attention to our beautiful Lenten Sacred Space in front of our Altar and in front of Our Lady’s Altar. A very special thanks to ***Martha*** from our Liturgy Group for the fabulous work she put into it. Well done!

**TROCAIRE BOXES:** are available at the back of the church. Please pick up a Box and read the resources and return during Holy Week. Much appreciate your generosity to the needy.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place on Saturday night next 2nd March at our Vigil Mass***.*** This is a great opportunity for our younger children to participate at Mass. All our children are most welcome, so bring them along.

**CEREMONY OF ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE:** We are delighted to announce that our Diocese has 5 men currently preparing to be Permanent Deacons of Service for our Diocese. ***Bishop Ray*** will celebrate this in a ceremony here in Listowel on ***Sunday next, March 3rd at our 11.30 a.m. Mass***. The candidates include: our own Brian Godfrey, Listowel, Michael O’ Connell, Caherciveen, Chris Lynch, Killorglin, Linus Burke, Milltown & Shane Lehane, Tralee. We wish them every blessing.

**LISTOWEL PARISH GATHERING** Following up on Bishop Ray recent Pastoral Letter, ‘***Moving Forward in Hope***’ … he has invited all parishioners to participate in a consultation process by themselves to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes.  The consultation gathering for Listowel Parish will be held on ***Friday March 22nd, 2024, in St. Michael’s College at 7.30 pm.*** As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

**1**. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves? **2.** Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area? **3.** Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to our priests?

More details later.

**PARISH BOX ENVELOPES MARCH 2024:** are in the parish office and ready for pick up. Please have your box number to pick up your box.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**PRE CHELTENHAM-NIGHT** at Christys the Well on Tuesday 5th March in ***Aid of Kerry Parents and Friends*** at 9 pm Please support.

**PRESENTATION PRIMARY OPEN AFTERNOON** Wednesday 28th Feb. from 1pm – 2.30pm. in the presentation primary Listowel for all new pupils and their parents.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU** to everybody who supported our recent fundraising Tea Dance in Asdee Community Centre on 4th February, in aid of Cenacolo Community for drug addiction in Knock. It was an outstanding success due to the generosity of so many people. The total collected was 16,685 euro. Thanks again. Mairéad Kennedy Hanlon.

**LISTOWEL COMMUNITY GAMES** - St Michaels College on Monday 26th Feb Art Competition: U8, U10, U12, U14 & U16 .  Registration @ 5p.m.  Competition starts at 5.30p.m.  €2 per child.  €5 per family.  Paper supplied.  Bring own materials. Handwriting Competition:  U10 Over 6, U12 Over 6.  Separate competition for Boys & Girls.  Registration @ 5p.m.  Competition starts at 5.30p.m.  €2 per child.  €5 per family.  Paper supplied.