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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

***3rd Sunday of Lent 3rd March***

**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 3rd – 10th March**

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| Sat 2nd | 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 /  Dr. Louis O Carroll, Clieveragh /  Tom & Bridie Flavin, Kilmorna /  William (Bill) Dennehy, O’Connell’s Ave. /  Pat & Kit Guerin, Ballahadigue /  Nora & Patrick Carmody, Skehenerin | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 3rd | Michael Barrett, Golf View | 9.00am |
| Elaine Galvin, Bedford, **Months Mind** / Ned Carey, Greenville /  Mary, Jack & Edward Carmody, Knockanure | 11.30am |
| Mon 4th | Mary Foley, Bedford /  Patrick O Connor, Ballyouneen, Lisselton | 10.30am |
| Tues 5th | Martin Fitzmaurice, John B Keane Grove /  John Martin Ashe, Church St. /  Elizabeth Flaherty, Derry & Eyvonne Flaherty, Ardfert | 10.30am |
| Wed 6th | Joe Heffernan, Clieveragh | 10.30am |
| Thurs 7th | Fr. Kevin McNamara | 10.30am |
| Fri 8th | Bishop David O Connell | 10.30am |
| Sat. 9th | Michael O Connor, Shrone, **1st Anniversary** /  Deceased members of the Morris family, Donegal /  Mary Stack nee Hanlon, Syracuse, America late of O’Connell’s Ave. **Rec. dec. & months mind** | 10.30am |
| Huge Goulding, Knockanure Village /  Edmond Hayes, Gortacrossane | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 10th | Noel Woods, London | 9.00am |
| Josephine & James Allen, Killocrim | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS**

**Eileen Walsh nee Hanrahan,** Clountubrid. / **Sr. Evelyn Maguire**, Presentations Sisters, Lixnaw.

**PRIEST ON DUTYthis Sunday**, Fr. Walsh, 087-7913271.

**CEREMONY OF ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**: We warmly welcome the 5 men currently preparing to be Permanent Deacons for our Diocese at our 11,30 a.m. mass this Sunday which is celebrated by *Bishop Ray*. 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.

**TROCAIRE BOXES**: are available at the back of the church. Please pick up a Box & read pamphlet..

**PARISH LITURGY GROUP**: will meet Tuesday 5th March in the Presbytery at 6pm. All members are asked to attend.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS**: Will take place at 10.30 a.m. Mass each Friday morning during Lent.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**FIRST CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK**: We have had the first confessions during the past week for Killocrim School and An Gael Scoil. The Presentation Primary will take place on this Monday, MARCH 5TH at 2.00 p.m. in the School and & Scoil Realta na Maidne will take place on this Tuesday, March 6th at 9.15 a.m. in the church.

**UPDATE ON THE STORM DAMAGE TO BOTH PRESBYTERY & CHURCH**: The recent storm did some extensive damage to the roofs of both Presbytery & Church. While both roofs are already repaired we are now awaiting the delivery of specialty ordered gutters for the church.

**IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS’S CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON THE FAMILY & CARE REFERENDUMS: :** We bring your attention to their statement on the referendums which is taking place on Friday, March 9th. Copies available at the back of the Church & the Parish Office.

**FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS:** will host the ***Vigil Mass on Saturday evening 9th. at 6.15 p.m***. All parents and their children are asked to attend. The meeting of the parents hosting the Mass will meet Fr. Declan in the Presbytery on ***Thurs. 7th at 6.00 pm.***

**RADIO MARIA:** Fr. Eamonn McCarthy will speak at each of our masses next weekend 9th and 10th march promoting Radiomaria. We welcome him warmly.

**UPDATE ON LISTOWEL PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI, SAN GIOVANNI & ROME** Led by Fr. Declan, a bus will leave Listowel on Friday, 18th October to Friday, October 25th 2024 and go direct flight ex Cork Airport. To date we have received deposits for 36 people . (*We still have 8 seats left*. We can sell 2 singles + 3 Twin/Doubles or 4 Twin/Doubles). It will be a fabulous trip. Should anybody be interested contact directly at ***Barters Travelnet, Cork. 021 4851700*** or email: [info@travelnet.ie](mailto:info@travelnet.ie) Ask for Karen and she will be delighted to facilitate you.

**PARISH BOX ENVELOPES 2024** If you haven’t pick up your box in the parish office, you can now do so as they are ***at the back of the church***. Please make sure **you pick up the correct box** as *your name, address and box number are on the box****.***

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS - FEEDBACK NEEDED** The Synod of Bishops in Rome wants to hear from parishioners throughout the world about the progress that is being made in sharing responsibility for the work and mission of the Church on the ground and asks for ideas about how this can be done better. To contribute to the Irish Church's response to this request, or to find out more, please visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synod](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synod)

**‘HOOK OF FAITH’ WEBINAR** on Priestly Vocations on Tuesday 5th March from 8pm to 9pm. For further details please email [**thehookoffaith@gmail.com**](mailto:thehookoffaith@gmail.com)

**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?