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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

***Fourth Sunday of Lent 10th 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 10th - 17th March**

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| Sat 9th | Margaret & Michael Mulvihill, Moyvane /  Hugh Goulding, Knockanure Village /  Edmond Hayes, Gortacrossane /  Peter & Annie Heaphy, O’Connell’s Ave/ John Enright | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 10th | Noel Woods, London / Grogan & Nolan Family, Charles Street | 9.00am |
| Josephine & James Allen, Killocrim | 11.30am |
| Mon 11th | Mary & Michael Halpin, Ballygologue Park /  Ian McCarthy, Duagh | 10.30am |
| Tues 12th | Bridie Fealy, Ballinruddery, Ann & Birthday Remembrance /  William Corkery, Lixnaw / John Jack Flaherty, Clounmacon | 10.30am |
| Wed 13th |  | 10.30am |
| Thurs 14th | John O’Connor, Tralee / Mary, John & Tom Dillon, Knockanasig/ Patrick O’Connor, England & Dromin Lower/ Patrick, Mary & John Behan, Bunagara | 10.30am |
| Fri 15th | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Sat. 16th | Patrick Herbert, Dublin / Bill Dennehy, O’Connell’s Ave  Patrick Stack & & Teresa O’Sullivan Gurtcrean Birthday Rem./  Joan Ryan, Nell Murphy, John Ryan & Mary Looney, Cork | 10.30am |
| Brendan Leahy, Clounmacon / Patrick (P.J.) , Sheila & Patrick Junior Mahony, Coolbeha / Patrick Kelly, Woodview / Gerardine Galvin, Finuge | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 17th  ***St. Patrick’s***  ***Day*** | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| John Molyneaux, Charles Street  Josephine Henry, Upper William Street | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS**

Michael Kennelly, Rathea / Daniel (Danny) Griffin, Oxford & formally O’Connell Ave

**REMEMBRANCE**: Con, Elizabeth & Sr. Pius O’Farrell Church Street / Patrick Lane, Coolnaleen, Martin & Dorothy Jordan, Charles Street / Tony McAulliffe, Charles Street, Margaret Sheehan (nee Dillon) Ballygrennan & Blarney, Co. Cork

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Sean Hanifin 087-8341083

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

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

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY**: will be celebrated at each of our masses next weekend, March 17th with a blend of Gaeilge, Irish music & culture at each of our masses. ***Fáilte***

**DIOCESAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** is for the ***Emigrant Services***. It will take place after Holy Communion on St. Patrick’s Day. Thank you.

*HAPPY MOTHERS DAY*

**CHURCH NEWS**

**WELCOME TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS:** who are hosting the ***Vigil Mass on this Saturday evening March 9th at 6.15 p.m***.

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

**PARISH BOX ENVELOPES 2024** There are still some boxes left at the back of the church. 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****.*** If you have not as yet been assigned a box contact the Parish Office. Thanks

**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.

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**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA**: Led by Fr. Noel Spring – Travel Date: 10th – 15th May 2024. 4 Star Hoel Fatima Group Leader Maureen Harty: 066-7131328 Should anybody be interested contact directly at Barters Travelnet, Cork. 021 4851700 or email Karen [kcallaghan@travelnet.ie](mailto:kcallaghan@travelnet.ie)

**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?

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL BLOOD DONATION CLINIC:** Will take place at the Listowel Arms Hotel on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th March 2024 4.50 pm – 8.10 pm. Please   
Phone 1800 222 111 for appointment. New Donors welcome. Blood donation saves lives. The hospitals requirement for blood is now 6% higher than for the corresponding period last year.

**DAFFODIL DAY**: Friday, March 22nd here in Listowel. Appreciate your support for Irish Cancer