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***LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER***

***St. Patrick’s Day 17th March 2024***

**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 17th  – 24th March**

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| Sat 16th | Brendan Leahy, Clounmacon /  Patrick (P.J.) , Sheila & Patrick Junior Mahony, Coolbeha & Listowel / Patrick Kelly, Woodview /  Gerardine Galvin, Finuge /  Con, Elizabeth & Sr. Pius O’Farrell Church St. | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 17th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| John Molyneaux, Charles St. /  Josephine Henry, Upper William St. /  Dan & Deb Guiney, Gurtcreen & Sr. Mary Tarrant, Gurtcreen & Dingle | 11.30am |
| Mon 18th | Tom Molyneaux, Behins East, **Months Mind** /  Robert Purcell, Woodford, Birthday Remembrance | 10.30am |
| Tues 19th | Fr. O Sullivan, Curate Listowel | 10.30am |
| Wed 20th | Anthony Greaney, Ballygologue Pk. /  Private & Special Intention & Thanksgiving Intention | 10.30am |
| Thurs 21st | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Fri 22nd | Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Sat. 23rd | Joe Hannon, Charles St. / Paddy & Nora Sheehy, Bedford /  Nell, Batt & Nora Flavin, Trien Kilmorna | 10.30am |
| Eileen Walsh, Clountubrid, **Months Mind** /  Martina Grimes, Willowbrook, **1st Anniversary**, Baby Adam Scully, The Lodge & Marie Grimes, Clieveragh /  Derry Lynch, Feale Drive /  Tom Barry, Tanavalla | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 24th | Deceased members of the Mooney Family, Galway | 9.00am |
| Catherine (Josie) Kelly, Woodview, **1st Anniversary** /  Anne Wixted, Woodford, birthday remembrance /  Paddy & Eileen McElligott, John & Nora McElligott, Coolaclarig /  James (Gee) Dore, Charles St. & Peg Dore, Lartigue Village, Clieveragh | 11.30am |

**RECENT DEATHS & FUNERALS Liam Dillon**, Dromerin Bridge, Gortacrissane.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE**: David Bunyan, Convent St. / Mary, Dick & John Pierse, Market St. / Paddy Halpin, Greenville / Daniel Jospeh Leahy, Shrone / Danny Broderick, Gurtcreen.

**PRIEST ON DUTY**this Sunday, Fr. Pat Crean-Lynch 087-2200114

**PARISH NEWS**

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY:** Each of our masses this weekend, March 17th will have a blend of Gaeilge, Irish music & culture at each of our masses. *Fáilte roimh cách*

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

**NEXT SUNDAY 24th IS PALM SUNDAY:** The beginning of Holy Week. Palm will be blessed at each of the weekend Masses.

**HOLY WEEK / EASTER CONFESSIONS**  takes place on ***Monday 25th March at 8pm*** All are welcome!

***DIOCESAN COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:*** is for the **Emigrant Services**. It will take place after Holy Communion. This collection helps our emigrant services abroad. Thank you.

**THE LEGION OF MARY IN THE DIOCESE** are having their annual Consecration to Our Blessed Lady on Sunday March 24th at 3 p.m. This will be held at the Prince of Peace Church in Fossa.  All are welcome to attend.

**40 HOUR ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD** It will be held In St Brigid’s Chapel, Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Commencing Thursday at 5pm 21st March and finishing with 9.30 Holy Mass on the Saturday 23rd. All parish groups and individuals invited to sign up to cover the hours.  Contact number to register 0876884124.

**OUR LISTOWEL PARISH GATHERING IS FRIDAY NIGHT NEXT:**

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 our Parish will be held on ***Friday night next, March 22nd 2024 in St. Michael’s College at 7.30 pm.*** 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**

**DAFFODIL DAY**: Join us on Friday, March 22nd for Daffodil Day in Listowel! Local volunteers for the Irish Cancer Society are hitting the streets to raise much needed funds to support the fight against cancer. Let's go ALL IN against cancer!

**RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY ( CANCER SUPPORT HOUSE)** will host a FREE Lymphoedema Awareness Talk with UHK Physiotherapists Mary Hickey & Keira O'Brien on Wednesday, March 27th at 7pm. For more information or to book your place contact us on 066 7192122 or email: [reception@recoveryhavekerry.com](mailto:reception@recoveryhavekerry.com)

**THE ANNUAL BALLYDONOGHUE BARDIC FESTIVAL** runs from Thursday, March 21st to Sunday 24th. ***The first event is a Bilingual Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Ray Browne***, on Thursday night 21st at 7.30pm, dedicated to the families of the parish and beyond that have lost loved ones on our roads. This will be followed by readings from local authors by local authors in the back bar at Tomáisín's. The official launch of the festival takes place on Friday night in the Function Room, Tomáisín's at 8.00pm. MC for the night is Joe McGill of Radio Kerry fame.  Don Stiffe and friends will feature in Concert on Saturday night in the Function Room at Tomáisín's. Tickets €15, available at Ryan's Mace, Tomáisín's and all committee members. Festival wraps up on Sunday morning with Caint agus Comhra and Open Mic session, chaired by Matt Mooney, in the main bar at Tomáisín's.