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 **Funerals** take place on weekdays at 11.30am. **Baptisms** Saturday’s at 4pm.

**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

2nd Sunday of Christmas

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

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 5th – 12th January**

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| Sat 4th   | Philomena O Neill, **1st Anniversary** & Michael O Neill, Ballygologue Rd. / Mossie & Angela Carmody, Skehenerin /John Murphy, Church St. /George McEneaney, Gortacrissane /Maura & Paddy Lynch, Dirha Cottages / Lil Flavin, Dirha Cottages / Anne Browne, Coolagown /Richard & Margaret Roche, O’Connell’s Ave. Paudie Horan, Cherrytree Drive  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 5th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Eileen Dee, Feale Drive, **Months Mind** / Gearard McElligott, Curraghatoosane /Baby Mark Grace, Kenny Heights & Rita Davemport, London /Bridie Faley, Ballinruddery /Tadgh Laide, Ballygologue Pk.  | 11.30am |
| Mon 6th  | Christy O Connor, James Culhane & Patrick Galvin, Moyvane & Listowel /William & Margaret O Donnelly, Ballydonoghue | 10.30am |
| Teresa Bambury, Gortalanna / Bob & Peg Kelly, Dirha East /Matilda, Paddy, Eileen & Johnny Kelly, Billerough /William & Tom O Connell, Grogreen / Special Intention | **6.15pm** |
| Tues 7th  | Tim Flaherty, Derry /Margaret Quilter, Ballyduff /Mary Purcell, Woodford | 10:30am |
| Wed 8th  | Bridie Cronin, Woodford | 10:30am |
| Thurs 9th  | Mass of thanksgiving  | 10:30am |
| Fri 10th  | Dan & Teresa Downey, O’Connell’s Ave. /Mary Ahern, O’Connell’s Ave. | 10:30am |
| Sat 11th  | **MASS & Burial of Ashes** - Sr. Margaret Mary Bunyan, Church St. & Poor Claires Convent Dublin ***Recently deceased***  | 10:30am |
| Geraldine & Baby Helen Daly, Stokers Lawn & Knockane /Micheal Molyneaux, O’Connell’s Ave /Eddie Browne, Coolagown /Edd Hartnett, Hawthorn Dr & deceased family members  | 6.15pmVigil |
| Sun 12th  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Chrissy Sommers & deceased family members, Billerough Nora Keane Moriarty, Clieveragh / Betty Chute, Church St.  | 11:30am |

**RECENT DEATHS**: **Sharon Moriarty,** Knockroe Drive / **Martin Enright,** Ballygologue Park / **Anthony McAuliffe,** Convent St. / **Brid Quigley nee Carroll,** Woodlawn & Duagh /

 **Kathleen O Connor,** Ballymcelligott.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Anges O Mahoney, Gortacrissane/ Nora & Teddy O Shaughnessy William St. & Kylemore West Dublin.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place at our ***Vigil Mass on this Saturday night ( 4th Jan ).*** This is a great opportunity for our younger children to participate at Mass. All children are most welcome.

**PARISH CALENDAR 2025** will be available at the back of the Church for Christmas. Please feel free to take one home.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP ARE PLANNING A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI JULY 2025** and open it to any young person who would like to go. We require each young person to travel with an adult family member. For more info contact Brian on 0874545409.

**FEAST OF EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** ***Monday next, Jan. 6th*** It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have two masses to mark the day: Our regular mass at 10:30am. morning mass and an extra ***Evening Mass will take place on Monday at 6.15pm.***

**KERRY DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE HOLY LAND:** will be taken up next weekend 11th & 12th January at all Masses after Communion. In these difficult times with the war in the Middle East, the collection provides assistance to Christian communities in the Holy Land to help them to continue to live there. It helps fund 36 Dispensaries, 21 Charitable Institutes, 120 Centres of Education and also housing projects for the deprived.



 “Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is

 the *yobel*, the ram’s horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom

 Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special

 significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. We can find an early indication of it in the Bible: a Jubilee year was to be marked every 50 years, since this would be an “extra” year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e., every 49 years (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13). Even though it wasn’t easy to organise, it was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and involved the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields. *Taken from the Vatican’s dedicated website for Jubilee 2025*

[**24 December 2024  Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica**](https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)

[**Dec 28-9 2024 Liturgy Resource for Feast of the Holy Family & Opening of Jubilee Year**](https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Dec-28-9-Feast-of-the-Holy-Family-Opening-of-Jubilee-Year-Dec-2024.pdf)

[**For more information from the Vatican’s Jubilee website**](https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)

[**Diocesan Programme for Jubilee 2025**](https://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/check-this-out/)

**KERRY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2025 :** will take place with a return coach from Kerry via Shannon Airport on Sunday, 11th May and return on Thursday, 15th May. Contact Karen at Barters Travelnet, Cork at 021 – 4851700 email: info@travelnet.ie Spiritual Director: Fr. Noel Spring.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL** **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSED** to close to public traffic **Road Closed:** L-1009 Blanemore to Shronowen Road, Ballylongford. Monday, 6th January to Friday, 18th April 2025. The purpose of the road closure is to facilitate the installation of the underground cable grid connection from Ballylongford Wind Farm. **Diversions will be as follows and will be clearly signposted.**