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

**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 2nd – 9th March**

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| Sat 1st   | Gerard McDonnell, Milton Keynes, London, **Months Mind** / Fr. John Lawlor, Ballydonoghue / Maud Carmody, Meen / Bridie & Jack Leahy, Ballygologue Pk. /William (Bill) Dennehy, O’Connell’s Ave. / William, Bridie & Nora Brosnan, Behins / Michael & Mary O Connor, Patrick St. /Christopher Myles Porter, Fourhane & Timothey Flaherty /Michael & Marian Lynch, O’Connell’s Ave. & Kitty Roberts nee Behan / Kitt & Pat Guerin, Clounmacon | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 2nd  | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Ned Carey, Greenville / Michael F. Barrett, Golfview  | 11.30am |
| Mon 3rd  | Michael O Sullivan, Church St. & Denise Morrison /Special Intention | 10.30am |
| Tues 4th  | Martin Fitzmaurice, John B. Keane Grove / Special Intention / Elizabeth Flaherty & Granddaughter Yvonne, Derry | 10:30am |
| **Ash****Wed 5th**  | Special Intention  | **10:30am** |
| Martin Mulvihill, Cahirdown | **6.15pm** |
| Thurs 6th  | Deceased members of the Murphy family, Cork | 10:30am |
| Fri 7th  | Ena Bunyan, Convent St. request on behalf of Listowel Adoration Group  | 10:30am |
| ***St. Padre Pio & 1st Friday evening Mass*** /John & Eleen Doyle, Clounmacon  | **6.15pm** |
| Sat 8th  | Annie Mai Joy, Gortnaminch, **Months Mind**  | 10:30am |
| Patrick & Nora Carmody, Skehenerin / Michael O Connor & dec. family members, Shrone / Edmund Hayes, Gortacrissane  | Vigil6.15pm |
| Sun 9th  | Noel Woods, London | 9.00am |
| James & Josephine Allen, Killocrim | 11:30am |

**RECENT DEATHS Joan Kelly nee Stack,** Gortcreen. / **Kevin Hill,** Feale Drive.

**Kathleen Walsh** *nee Fitzgerald***,** New York late of Charles St. funeral took place in New York.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCES** William (Bill) Dennehy, O’Connell’s Ave. / Martin & Dorthy Jordan, Charles St. / Kitty & Danny Broderick, Gortcreen / Billy Flaherty & Noreen Flaherty nee James ,O’Connell’s Ave.

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place at our ***Vigil Mass on Saturday night (1st March).*** All communion children and younger present who have not already received are most welcome to join the Children’s Liturgy Group in the Parish Meeting Room who will help them understand the Word of God and return in time for the Offertory. Thanks to the leaders.

**NEW PARISH BOX ENVELOPES**  starts this weekend. If you have not picked up yours from the Parish Office, they are *now at the* ***back of the Church*** *with your name, address and box number*, for pick up. If you would like to join up with the parish box, please email Denise at listowel@dioceseofkerry.ie or ring her on 068-21188 or pop into the office. Alternatively, you may donate online monthly or annually **IBAN: IE14 BOFI 9057 8228 9052 58**

*Please use your name as reference.*

**NEXT WEDNESDAY IS ASH WEDNESDAY:** 5th March - the beginning of Lent. *It is a day of fast and abstinence*. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses - **10.30am. & 6.15pm.**

**LECTIO DIVINA** takes place every Thursday morning after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

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

**FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & THEIR PARENTS:** will host the ***Vigil Mass on Saturday night next March 8th at 6.15 p.m***. Hosting parents will meet Fr. Declan at Presbytery on Thursday evening 6th March at 6.00 p.m.

**TROCAIRE BOXES:** are available in our church this weekend as we begin our Lenten season on Wednesday next. One very effective way to do penance and something positive for LENT is to make a weekly offering to ***Trócaire*** over the Lenten period. It is the Irish Church’s way of reaching out to the poor of the world and helping the many places undergoing tragedies at this time. Please pick up a Box and return during Holy Week ***you also have a Trócaire envelope in your Parish envelope box if you do not want to use the Trócaire boxes.***

**THE WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE** takes place in Ireland on the Friday after Ash Wednesday, **Towards Healing and Towards Peace,** a counselling service and a spiritual support service. The designated day in Ireland to pray for victims and safeguarding in general is Friday March 7th this year.

**REMINDER BOOKING OF MASSES**All mass intentions must be booked at least a week in advance. Also, with more intentions happening each day the maximum number of names that can be given into ***one intention is 3 names max*.** Thanks for your co-operation.

**YOUTH 2000 RETREAT** The spring Munster Youth 2000 retreat will take place at Knockadoon Camp, Co. Cork from Friday evening 7th - Sunday 9th March. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. Donation only, suggested donation €75 pp (includes accommodation and meals). Please see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie/)

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**RECOVERY HAVEN KERRY** *(CANCER SUPPORT HOUSE*) will be running an ONLINE 6 week Building Better Caregivers Programme, beginning on Tuesday March 18th from 10.30am-1pm. If you are supporting someone with cancer. Call us on 066 7192122 for further information.

**MICHAEL ENGLISH CONCERT** in Moyvane Church on Sunday 23rd March tickets are on sale in Listowel Parish Office and are €30.