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**LISTOWEL PARISH NEWSLETTER**

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

***Declan Canon O’Connor P.P. V.F.* - 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.

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**MASSES THIS WEEK 27th – 4th May**

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| Sat 26th | Liz Galvin, Finuge, **1st Anniversary** /  Liam Hartnett, Gortnaminch, **1st Anniversary** /  Elizabeth Galvin, Billerough, **1st Anniversary** /  Pat Given, Cahirdown, **1st Anniversary** /  Paddy & Kitty Harnett, Behins /  Betty Clancy, St. Brendan’s Tce. /  Christy Stack, Greenville & Fr. Pat Keane Lisselton & Manchester / Maureen O Connor, Church St. / Nial Stack, Tralee Rd. | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 27th | Nancy O Sullivan, Killocrim / Maurice Hayes, Tanavalla & Fr. Rodger Duggan MSC., Cork & Australia | 9.00am |
| Catherine Mahony, Ballygrennan / Nora Curtin, Tralee & Ballybunion /  Mortimer Faley, Ballinruddery / Sinead Halket, Bedford / Johnny Griffin, Ballygologue Pk. | 11.30am |
| Mon 28th | Maire Fealey, Courthouse Lawn / Ned, Hannah & Sue O Neill, Bridge Rd. & London / Robert Purcell, Ballinruddery | 10:30am |
| Tues 29th | Private Intention | 10:30am |
| Wed 30th |  | 10:30am |
| Thurs 1st |  | 10:30am |
| Fri 2nd | Successful Operation | 10:30am |
| ***St. Padre Pio & 1st Friday evening mass /*** Mary Enright, Ballygologue Pk. | 6.15pm |
| Sat 3rd | ***Holy Father Pope Francis*** | ***10:30am*** |
| Sean Whyte, Behins, **Months Mind** /  Mary Keogh, Ballybunion Rd., **Months Mind** /  Margaret Broderick, Inch East / Jeremiah & Ellen McCarthy, Duagh /  Tom Long, Church St. & Limerick & Mike Moran, Colbert St. | Vigil  6.15pm |
| Sun 4th | ***People of the Parish*** | 9.00am |
| Assumpta Mahony & Martin, Annie & Denis Flavin, Coolaclarig | 11:30am |

**RECENT DEATHS Albert Hilliard,** Billerough. / **Irene O Connor nee O’Callaghan,** Ballyduhig. / **Tom Walsh**, Cork late of Skehenerin.

**ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE** Catherine & James Sheehan, Carrueragh, Kilmorna / Tim (Junie) Canty, O'Connell’s  Avenue.

**SPRING / EASTER OFFERINGS:** Thank you for the offerings that support your priests. This is a green envelope in your box or use the loose green envelope at the back of the church. Thanks

**TROCAIRE OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your Trócaire Offering . This is the last call for Trócaire offerings as the collection needs to be sent to the Diocesan Office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place on NEXT Saturday night 3rd May at our Vigil Mass***.*** This is a great opportunity for our younger children to participate at Mass. All our children are most welcome.

**Rosary for the month of may *O’Connell’s Ave*** Grotto every Sunday in at 6pm. All welcome. ***Finuge Grotto*** every Tuesday at 8pm for the month of May. ***Killocrim Grotto*** every Friday evening in May at 8pm. All welcome.

***Statement of Bishop Ray Browne on the death of Pope Francis***

Two men in hats laughing

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*O God, who… through your only begotten Son, have conquered*

*death and unlocked for us the path to eternity.* It was with great

sadness that I learned of the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis,

a gentle shepherd who walked with us leading the People of God of

our Church worldwide for the last twelve years. From the moment he chose the name Francis, following in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi, rooted in humility he signalled a papacy of building peace, care for the poor, and love for all of God’s creation. He constantly emphasised the need for all of us to take care of our planet, our common home. Like St Francis he alerted us to the “Cry of the Earth” and “Cry of the Poor”, all creation united by the love of the Creator. Pope Francis ever sought to be a voice for the voiceless, a champion of mercy, and a witness to the Gospel in word and deed, always on the side of those on the margins. He preached and lived God’s Mercy for all.

In his *Urbi et Orbi*address on Easter Sunday, his final day among us, Pope Francis gave us these prophetic words: “The Resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope.  For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion… Thanks to Christ — crucified and risen from the dead — hope does not disappoint!  (cf. *Rom* 5:5) All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey.  Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of Life.”

I pray that he now enjoys Christian hope fulfilled, – eternal life with God the Father. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. Our Lady Queen of heaven, pray for him**.

+Ray Browne

**LOCAL NOTICES**

**LISTOWEL TIDY TOWNS** wishes to thank everyone who came out to help with the big clean up recently your help was much appreciated. If anyone would like to help, we meet Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7pm. at St. John’s Theatre, The Square.

**THE LISTOWEL DAFFODIL DAY COMMITTEE** would like to extend our sincere thanks to the wonderful people of Listowel and North Kerry for your incredible generosity and support. Together, we raised an amazing €32,645 for the Irish Cancer Society on Daffodil Day 2025.

**MOYVANE AND KNOCKANURE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) GROUP** are holding an OPEN MEETING in KNOCKANURE COMMUNITY CENTRE on Tuesday April 29th at 8.30 pm

**VISION IRELAND** would like to thank all those who contributed to our annual collection this weekend outside St Mary's church. All funds raised will help support the lives of the 296,000 people in Ireland who are blind or vision impaired who avail of our services. Again, many thanks..