

CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday Mass times

Parish Church: 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm Ballyheane Church: 8pm (Sat) Breaffy Church: 10am, 11.30am

PRIEST ON CALL: tel 094 9021844

Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH CHURCH

Monday 14th January:

10.00am - Bridie Moran & dec Moran & Devaney families. Dan, Ellen & Nancy Walsh, Castlebar.
7.00pm - Peggy Quinn, Windsor. Kathleen Treacy, Lawn Park & dec family.
Dec members of Parish Choir.

Tuesday 15th January:

10.00am - Patrick & Nancy Ward, Saleen. Paddy Gibbons & dec Gibbons & Geraghty families, Ballinrobe.

Wednesday 16th January:

8.00am - Holy Souls.
10.00am - Mary Margaret Corrigan, 69 Castlehill Park & Achill.

Thursday 17th January:

10.00am - Kathleen Cleary, McHale Road. (M.M.) Jethro Murphy, Station Road. (M.M.)
Elizabeth Scully, McHale Rd & dec Scully & Quinn families.

Friday 18th January:

8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Teresa & Fionn Walshe, Snugboro & Salthill. Jimmy Moran & son Vincent, Boradruma.
Thomas Lally, The Grove and Belmullet.

Saturday 19th January:

10.00am - Molly & Josie Munnelly, Station Road & dec Munnelly & O'Connor families. Pat Neary, Sarnaught.
Mary & Tom McHale, Snugboro & dec McHugh & McHale families. Michael Healy, Mountgordon.
Richard Pigott, Watersville and Cork. James & Mary Tuohy, Islandeady and dec family.
7.00pm - Nancy Corrigan, Viewpoint. (1st Anv.)

Sunday 20th January:

10.30am - Michael Shaughnessy, Spencer Park. (1st Anv.)

BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon 14th January: 7.30pm - Finbarr Kelly & dec Kelly & Sullivan families.

Wed 16th January: 7.30pm - Private Intention.

Fri 18th January: 7.30pm - Daniel & Ellen Fitzgerald & dec family.

Sat 19th January: 10.00am - Private Intention.

Sun 20th January: 10.00am - Mary & Pat McLoughlin, Patrick, Ernest & Mary Walsh & dec family.
11.30am - Paddy, Christy & Yvonne Jordan & dec Jordan & Graven families.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Sat 19th January: 8.00pm - Private Intention.



ALTAR SERVERS

6 th Class - Sun 20 th	
8.30am	- D
10.30am	- A
12.00pm	- B



ALTAR SOCIETY: 19th January

N. Griffith B. Haugh G. Maloney T. Quinn

DAILY READERS

Mon - A. O'Hara
Tues - C. Casey
Thurs - B. Watkin
Fri - U Ryan



MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 20th/21st January

7.00pm - J. Staunton
8.30am - T. Carney
10.30am - D. Gormley
12.00pm - W. Donoghue

REST IN PEACE

*Rita McGrath, Tuam, sister of the late Mary Brophy,
St. Bridget's Crescent.*

Willie McNamee, Roemore, Breaffy.



Mass for deceased members of Parish Choir
Mon 14th January at 7pm in the Parish Church.

60th Anv of Alfi Lambe's death on 21st Jan.
Prayers available. Contact 094-9060625.

The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord is in some ways a strange celebration. When we think of baptism, we think of newborn babies and white robes. Instead, we have an adult Jesus, no details of the baptism, only that afterwards when Jesus was at prayer, the heavens opened; and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove, 'and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Despite the angelic celebration of Christ's birth, it is still very much a private affair. Those who know of his miraculous birth are limited – Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and Magi; there is not a general announcement of who Jesus is. He is the Emmanuel or 'God-with-us' but lives quietly in Nazareth until John baptises in the River Jordan. Then Jesus is baptised – suddenly it all changes! The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus, the heavens open and a voice from heaven proclaims to all who Jesus is.

With this begins Jesus' ministry, from this moment onwards he will gather his disciples, proclaiming the Word of God, he will perform miracles, even raise the dead, eventually leading him to Jerusalem, to confrontation with the political and religious authorities; to the brutality of Calvary and the beauty of Resurrection. This is the first public acknowledgement of Jesus as Son of God, the one called by the Father 'the Beloved.'

We too, whether our life is perfect or riddled with sin, are also 'the Beloved' of God. To be termed 'Beloved' is to be greatly loved. In the Bible to be 'Beloved' means to be 'of the Father' and as Jesus is beloved of the Father, so are we. We are children of God because of our baptism, not in the Jordan but in the Church. Our baptism marked us with the Holy Spirit as 'Beloved' of God, on that day, God, through the Church declared 'You are my child, the Beloved, my favour rests on you'.

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Shine A Light Ecumenical Service

Mayo Roscommon Hospice 'Let Love Shine a Light' Ecumenical Service will take place at St Johns Rest and Care Centre, Knock on Sunday 20th January at 3.45pm. All those for whom lights were sponsored on the Tree of Light will be remembered at the Service. All welcome.

Castlebar ICA Guild Meeting

Mon 14th January at 8pm in the Social Services Centre, Castle Street. New members welcome.

Balla Secondary School - Open/Enrolment

Night for incoming first years will take place on Tuesday 22nd January at 7pm. All prospective students and their parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

Breaffy GAA and Get Ballyheane Active do "Ireland Lights up"

Please join our walks at Breaffy and Ballyheane GAA Pitch every Thurs at 7pm from Jan 17th to Feb 21st. Call Breaffy 087 7590622 or Ballyheane - 087 9846401.

Kylemore Abbey Retreat

Embracing Silence on the Spiritual Journey

From 28th January to 2nd February

This retreat presents an opportunity for deeper immersion in the practice of Centering Prayer and prayerful silence. Booking or for further information please contact Mary on 095 52011 or mary@kylemoreabbey.ie

Healing and Anointing Catholic Ministry Service

Led by Fr Shane Sullivan and Fr Pat Collins, an International Charismatic Preacher renowned for his healing and deliverance. Ministry will take place on Sun 20th January 1.15pm to 5.15pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary for Praise & Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks & Adoration after 12 noon Mass.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to help a child with homework. Text Sr. Margaret at 087 2072102.

Breaffy GAA and Breaffy Community Annual

Dinner Dance will be held on Sat Jan 19th in Breaffy House Resort. Tickets available from Celia telephone 086 0873215.

Castlebar Active Retirement

Weekly meetings resume on Wed 16th Jan at 2pm in the Social Services Centre. New members welcome.

Self-Care to Wellness Programme

A 6 week programme starting on Tues 5th Feb from 10.30am to 1pm in the Primary Care Centre, Moneen Road. To register tel 087 7185615 or email selfcaretowellness@mayocil.ie

The Castlebar Parish Magazine is on sale at the Presbytery. Cost: €7.