

# 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

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### PARISH CHURCH

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March:

10.00am - John Durcan, Market Square.

7.00pm - John & Joe (snr) Winters, Aughadrina. Bernard & Margaret Lawrence, Ballina.

Michael Brogan, Springfield. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv) & his wife Maud.

Michael Joe Craddock, Boradruma, parents James & Nora Craddock, dec O' Malley & Craddock families.

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:

7.30am - Private Intention.

10.00am - John & Judy Rice, daughter Carmel, her husband Liam, their son Gus & their granddaughter Tara.

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:

7.30am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Dec Staunton family, Castlebar. Maureen Gibbons, Keellogues.

Tom & Kate Neary, Derrygarve West & dec family. Jim & Mary Finnerty & dec family.

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:

7.30am - Frank & Bridie Hughes & son Bernie, Thomas Street. Special Intention.

10.00am - Dec McDonagh family, Clooncundra & Lally family, Aughadrina. Maura Carney, Cornanool.

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:

7.30am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Edward Cusick, Rathbawn Road. Peter Ryan, Station Road. Bridget Murphy, Lacke, Parke.

Frank Walshe, Ballymacragh.

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March:

10.00am - Florita O'Sullivan & dec O'Sullivan, Carpio & Myers families & Mary Farlane.

Dave Murphy, Mountgordon. Mary Flannery & dec family.

Elizabeth Bradley & Patrick Aloysius Bradley, Co. Tyrone.

Tony Higgins, Rowan Drive & dec Loftus & Higgins families.

PJ Mulhern, Ballina. Stuart Smeeth, Ballina

Paddy & Kathleen Glynn, Rathbawn Road.

7.00pm - Nancy Corrigan, Viewpoint. (M.M.)

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March:

10.30am - Rita Chambers, 6 Blackfort Avenue. (M.M.)



### BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm

- Private Intention.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March: 7.30pm

- Eamon & Bridget McGreal & daughter Ann Moran.

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March: 7.30pm

- Cecelia Gannon (1<sup>st</sup> Anv) & dec Gannon, Mulvihill & Gilmartin families.

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00am

- Private Intention.

12.00pm - Eamon Rabbette. (M.M.)

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March: 10.00am

- Brendan Jordan & dec Jordan & Taylor families.

11.30am - Tim Lyons jnr. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March: 8.00pm

- Johnny Tuffy, Buncom.

### ALTAR SERVERS

5 <sup>th</sup> Class - starting Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>
7pm Mon - C	8.30am - D
7.30am Wed	10.30am - F
7.30am Fri, 10am Sat - D	12.00pm - E

### ALTAR SOCIETY: 24<sup>th</sup> March

Sally Hopkins

Helen Ryder

Mary Nolan

### DAILY READERS

Mon - Mary Bourke  
Tues - Bernie Johnson  
Wed - Mary Foy  
Thurs - Noreen Feely  
Fri - Úna Ni Ghabhláin



### REST IN PEACE

*Olive Hynes, Rathbawn Drive.*

*John Mullahy, Kennedy Gardens.*

## Extract from the Pastoral Letter on Unborn Human Life

+ *Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam*

We, as believers, have a clear responsibility to respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life, to defend and promote life, to show reverence and love for life. We are bound to promote a culture of life, especially in the face of what, in the reputedly 'developed' world, is rapidly becoming a culture of death. And we believe furthermore that every human being has the same duty and obligation.

The Constitution of Ireland, at present, endeavours to be truly inclusive and tries to ensure that every human life is treated equally irrespective of age, ability, gender or social standing. As things stand, we do not discriminate. In this respect our Eighth Amendment has protected people of different abilities. We do not decide who should or should not be allowed to live. Now we are being asked to deprive the most vulnerable of this guarantee of the most fundamental of all rights, the right to life. The current debate is not about the proper relationship between faith and politics. It is about our shared commitment as citizens and as human beings to a fundamental and universal human value: that the direct and intentional killing of an innocent person can never be justified and it commands the protection of society and the state.

The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights because it is the foundation of all other rights. The Catholic Church, in common with many Christians in other Churches and many of the great religious and moral traditions of humanity teaches that the direct and intentional killing of innocent human life at any stage from conception to natural death is gravely wrong. Human life is at its most defenceless in the womb and has a right to receive every protection.

The pro-life commitment of the Church is reflected in our compassion for those who so often regret having had an abortion; our understanding for those who are facing difficult decisions, and our assistance for those who choose life. The work of CURA in this regard is a clear expression in a practical way of the compassion, understanding and care with which the Church wishes to respond to every woman who faces difficulties or crises in pregnancy. The services provided by CURA are available on [www.cura.ie](http://www.cura.ie) and CURA can be contacted on 1850 622 626 and by email [curacares@cura.ie](mailto:curacares@cura.ie)

## NOTICES

### **Eucharist Ministers Renewal**

An evening of renewal for Eucharistic Ministers and for those interested in becoming one, will be held in the Parish Centre on Thurs March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm.

### **Holy Rosary and Prayer at the Mass Rock for Life and Faith in Ballintubber Abbey**

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

### **Passion Play**

In the grounds of Ballintubber Abbey on Mon 26<sup>th</sup>, Tues 27<sup>th</sup> and Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9pm. All are welcome.

### **Knock Shrine Events**

#### **Annual Loreto Vigil**

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> - Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Vigil will begin at 8.30pm, Mass at 11.30pm.

#### **One Day Healing Prayer and Retreat**

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March from 11am to 5pm in St. John's Rest & Care Centre. Lead by Br. Sebastian Sales and Team from Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry in UK.

#### **Blessing at Garden of Remembrance**

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. All bereaved are invited to bring a crocus or snowdrop which will be blessed on the day and then planted in memory of their loved ones at Knock Shrine. For more info tel Monica 094-9375320

### **GROW (Mental Health Support Group)**

Meetings are held every Mon at 7.30pm in the Mayo Traveller Support Group building. For info tel Emily at 086 4183543, [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie) GROW info line 1890 474 474

**Padre Pio's glove and bandage** will be in Westport on Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March. For more info tel Teresa at 086 4015000.

### **Table Quiz**

In Corley's Pub, Ballintubber on Sat 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9pm. In aid of Castlebar Order of Malta Lourdes Fund. Entry fee €10 or €40 per table.

### **Volunteers Needed - Bag Pack for NCBI**

The National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) is looking for volunteers for its fundraising bag pack in Tesco on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April. For more info tel Collette McEntee on 01 882 1970

### **25 Drive Card Drive (Partners)**

Castlebar Tennis Club, Fri March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8.30pm. Tickets €10. In aid of Chernobyl Children Castlebar Branch. All funds raised go directly towards bringing the group to Castlebar this summer. All are welcome.

### **Mayo Comhairle na nÓg**

Comhairle talks (*Equality in all walks of life*) on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. Adm: free. Booking at [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie) For more info tel 087 3357704.

### **Free Wreath Making Demo**

By the Connacht Textile Crafters at the National Museum - Country Life, Turlough on Sat March 24<sup>th</sup>. Drop in at 11.30am or 3pm. No booking required. Admission free.

### **Healthy Lifestyle Choices**

Presented by the Marie Keating foundation on Mon March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Breaffy GAA clubhouse. Hosted by Breaffy GAA Health and Wellbeing. All are welcome.