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	
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Monday 2 [™] April: 10.00am - Peter & Geraldine Ryan, Station Road. Sean Dunleavy, Rathbawn Drive & dec Dunleavy & McNamara families.	
7.00pm - Private Intention. Tuesday 3rd April:	
10.00am - Leon Crompton, England & Castlebar.	
8.00am - Private Intention.	
10.00am - Holy Souls. Thursday 5 th April:	
10.00am - Private Intention. Friday 6 th April:	
8.00am - Private Intention. 10.00am - Paddy & Joe Ryan, Limerick. Special Int	Jesus Is Risen!
Saturday 7 th April:	
10.00am - Tony O'Malley, St. Patrick's Avenue. Ann Duffy nee Bennett, Garryduff Court. Dec members of Garda Siochana & their families. Pat Finnerty & sons Michael & Sean. Bernadette Killeen, Fr Meehan Place & dec Killeen & Kelly families. Tony Hegarty, Rowan Drive. Tommy & Margaret Byrne, McHale Road.	
7.00pm - Una Nyland, Ballinacorriga. (1 st Anv.)	
Sunday 8 th April:	
10.30am - Brendan Henaghan, Tullycommons. (M.M.)	
BREAFFY CHURCH Mon 2 nd April: 7.30pm - Patrick & Mary McHugh & dec McHale & Davis families.	
Wed 4 th April: 7.30pm - Private Intention.	
Fri 6 th April: 7.30pm - Charlie Gallagher, Aughadrina & dec Gallagher & Brennan families.	
Sat 7 th April: 10.00am - Tommy Jennings & dec family.	
Sun 8 th April: 10.00am - Angela Devaney & dec family.	
11.30am - Eddie & Geraldine Egan & dec Egan & Dunleavy families.	
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Fri 6 th April: 8.00pm - Paddy & Kate Kilcoyne, Errew. Sat 7 th April: 8.00pm - Private Intention.	
ALTAR SERVERS	REST IN PEACE
5 th Class - starting Mon 2 nd 6 th Class - Sun 8 th	Noel Doherty, Durham, England, brother of
7pm Mon - D 8.30am - F	Peggy Doherty & Christine Walsh, Frenchill.
8.00am Wed 10.30am - E	John Curry, Ballina, nephew of Lillian McLoughlin,
8.00am Fri, 10am Sat - C 12.00pm - D	Newport Road. Mary O'Malley, sister of Denis Gallagher, Pheasant Hill.
ALTAR SOCIETY: 7 th April Mary Foy Teresa Coady Rita McAlpine	
DAILY READERS	First Friday
Mon - Angela Gormley	There will be Mass at 7.30pm in Breaffy Church and 8pm
Tues - Sr Teresa Kilcourse	in Ballyheane Church.
Wed - Joan Hanley	
Thurs - Eileen Lynch	Adoration for the Unborn through Protection of
Fri - Anna O'Boyle	the 8th Amendment to our constitution, extended from 7pm on First Fri, April 6 th to 10am on First Sat, April
MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 7 th /8 th April	7 th in the Monastery. More adorers needed please. Tel
7.00pm - Padraig Flynn	086 8197111 to go on the rota.
8.30am - Eveleen Horan	
10.30am - Máire English	Alive - Free Newspaper
12.00pm - Gerry Ryder	Available at the back of the Church. Please take one for yourself, your neighbour or your family.

The Gospels' Portrayal of Jesus up to the Crucifixion

The name Jesus means 'one who saves.' When he was about thirty he began to preach and gather followers. Until then he had been a carpenter. He was a layman in the sense of not belonging to one of the priestly groups within the Jewish religion; this was a source of tension when he gained a special reputation as preacher and healer. His every day, spoken language would have been Aramaic, but he seems to have been able to read the Hebrew of the Old Testament. (The Gospels were written down in Greek, because of the later expansion of Christian faith into the wider world of Greek culture.)...

He spoke frequently of the 'Kingdom' and he nearly always used 'parables' when speaking to large numbers of people. The kingdom pointed to a new relationship with God, where God would 'reign' in people's lives, changing their hearts gradually, leading them into a new relationship with others as well....

But Jesus did more than speak. His actions, as we say, spoke louder than words. He broke many of the customs of his society and shocked the rigid religious leaders...

On a more spiritual level Jesus was transparently a man of prayer, sometimes spending nights in solitude on the mountain, and rooted in a special sense of his 'Father'...

Many of the major prophets had been reformers, recalling the people to the revelation of God and its implications for just living. Some of the prophets had been put to death for causing trouble- as Jesus would be...

There was some kind of nocturnal or early morning sitting of the religious court at the Temple, where Jesus was accused of various forms of blasphemy and disobedience to the law of God. Then he was brought before Pontius Pilate, who was prefect of Judea for the ten years between 26 and 36 A.D. Because this Roman official had no interest in the internal religious affairs of the people he ruled, the charge against Jesus had to be changed into a political one: Jesus was framed as some kind of Jewish rebel who claimed to be king. Pilate did not at first cooperate with the desires of the Temple authorities for a death sentence (which they had lost the power to impose) but eventually gave way. Jesus was first scourged, which was seen as a cruel form of mercy, because it would hasten the process of dying. The method of crucifixion was sometimes to tie people to the cross where they could linger for days. Nailing Jesus to the wood meant a shorter agony. Since the next day was a special feast for the Jews, to leave corpses hanging overnight was unacceptable. But, as the Gospel recounts, the when the soldiers came to break the legs of those crucified with him, thus causing a collapse of the body and suffocation, they found Jesus already dead."

(Taken from Michael Paul Gallagher's book *Questions of Faith,* compiled by Michael Kennelly)

Priests Easter Collection

The Priests Easter Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Trócaire

Please return your Trócaire donation (yellow envelope in box) in the Sunday collection basket or in the special Trócaire box at Our Lady's Altar.

First Saturdays Devotion

Knock Shrine on Sat 7th April, starting at 11am with Rosary and concluding with Holy Mass at 12noon. Confessions and enrolment of the free brown scapulars. All welcome.

Holy Souls Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Easter Monday, April 2nd 2.00pm: Assemble beside the First Station for the Stations of the Cross (outside).

2.30pm: Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

3.30pm: Meeting afterwards at the Alexian Bros Centre, Churchfield.

Legion of Mary Meeting

Meeting changed to Tues 3rd April at 8pm, New members welcome. Contact 083 11780171.

Family Centre Programme

Monthly Meditation Group on Tues 3rd April from 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Facilitated by Maura Flynn R.S.M. Counsellor/Prayer Guide. Free of Charge.

Easter Greetings

The priests of the parish wish you all a very happy Easter. Welcome home to all who have returned to Castlebar to spend this holiday with family and friends.

Mayo Roscommon Hospice

Participants required for the west of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon on May 6th. For more info tel 094 9388666.

Western Alzheimer: Tea Day

Please support by hosting a tea day in your home, work place or local community on Fri 20th April. For more info tel 094 9364900.

Hospice Shop, New Antrim St - Open Day

Fri 6th April at 11am. Items can be donated to the Shop at New Antrim Street from 9.30am - 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. Anyone wishing to give a few hours volunteering in the shop can register on the day. For more info tel 087 25693655.

Castlebar ICA

Monthly guild meeting on Tues April 3rd in the Social Services Centre at 8pm. All are welcome.

Breaffy 25 Drive

Breaffy GAA Clubhouse on Tues 3rd April at 9pm. In aid of Breaffy OsKarS. All are welcome.