

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



PARISH CHURCH

Monday 21st May:

10.00am - Seán & Kathleen Gallagher & Martin & Delia Walsh, Galway.
7.00pm - Ann Mongan, Mountgordon. Nancy Walsh, Lower Charles Street.

Tuesday 22nd May:

10.00am - Paddy & Kathleen Deere, son Michael Patrick, Snugboro, Tomas & May Devaney & Willie White, Snugboro. Special Intention.

Wednesday 23rd May:

8.00am - Mai & Pat McTigue & dec McTigue family, Tawneycoolawee.
10.00am - Kathleen Moran, Ballynew & dec Doyle & Moran families.
Margaret & Anthony Kilcoyne. Sally & Tommy O'Sullivan & Rosaleen & Noreen Kilcoyne.
Todd Walsh, Pheasant Hill & dec family.

Thursday 24th May:

10.00am - Kathleen Lawrence & parents John & Ellen Collins, Westport.
Peter Carroll & daughters Chrissie & Vera & dec family.

Friday 25th May:

8.00am - Private Intention.
10.00am - Pro Life Mass.

Saturday 26th May:

10.00am - John & Kevin Stenson, Ballinvilla. Owen Harte, Curragh.
Tom Walsh & dec family, Turlough Road.
Attracta Moran, Westport Road.



BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon 21st May: 7.30pm - Private Intention.
Wed 23rd May: 7.30pm - Private Intention.
Fri 25th May: 7.30pm - Brendan Farrell. (M.M.)
Sat 26th May: 10.00am - Willie Fahey.
6.30pm - Faye Lavin (1st Anv.)
Sun 27th May: 10.00am - Dec Keane & Fadden families, Ballykill.
11.30am - Breege Flynn & dec Flynn & Fahey families.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Sat 26th May: 8.00pm - Sean Rabbette, Derrywash. Michael & Annie Rabbette.

ALTAR SERVERS

5 th Class - starting Mon 21 st	6 th Class - Sun 27 th
7pm Mon - B	8.30am - A
8.00am Wed	10.30am - C
8.00am Fri, 10am Sat - A	12.00pm - B

ALTAR SOCIETY: 26th May

Bernie Downes Mary Brett Edna Beyamaoewi

DAILY READERS

Mon - Maureen Tobin
Tues - Maureen Carroll
Wed - Chris Millett
Thurs - Norah Walshe
Fri - Mary Higgins



MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 26th/27th May

7.00pm - Niamh Finnegan
8.30am - Eveleen Horan
10.30am - Regina McGarrigle
12.00pm - 1st Holy Communion
St. Patrick's NS

REST IN PEACE

Eamonn Molloy, Kinnegad & late of Killeen, Ballyvary, brother of Phil Molloy, Turlough Road.
Michael McCormack, Garryduff Park.
Kathleen Regan, Carracastle, sister of John & Gerard Lavelle, Dereenmaus.
Andy McGawley, Bofeenau, brother of Mary McGawley, Springfield Court.
John Quinn, Sarnaught.
David Gavin, Moneen Bradagh.

24 hours Adoration

For the Protection of the 8th Amendment, starting in the Parish Church on Thurs 24th May, from 10am to 10pm and continuing in the Monastery from 10pm to 10am on Fri 25th May. If you would like to volunteer for one hour please sign the sheet at the back of the Parish Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parish Church:
Sun 27th May at 12 noon - St. Patrick's NS



'Our Common Humanity'

Statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops

As pastors we are aware that the conversation about unborn life is sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful for many. We offer our reflections with the greatest of respect for everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.

Two lives, one love

An expectant mother needs and deserves the care and support of everyone around her, particularly if her pregnancy poses a serious crisis for her and her family. A mother may be informed that her baby faces serious challenges or is perhaps terminally ill. She might be pregnant as a result of rape. Especially in those tragic cases both the mother and her unborn child can – and must – be loved and cherished.

A compassionate society will do all in its power to support and love the mother and baby, and encourage responsible support from fathers. This vision of life makes sense to people of all faiths and none. While it is enriched by our Catholic faith, it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life of every human being.

Fundamental right

Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the *Constitution of Ireland* or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice.

Life begins at conception

At every point, from conception on, the baby has the potential to realise the fullness of life that God intended. All that is needed is time and nurturing. Today we see more clearly that human life begins at conception. There is no later stage in a baby's development where we can say; 'up until now the foetus was not a person and now it has become a baby'.

Choose life

The child in the womb has life and potential. However, like all babies, before birth or in the early years, she or he has no choice. Powerless to defend themselves they rely on the rest of us to protect their lives and vindicate their rights. By using the word 'choice' we need to remember that, for the baby waiting to be born, the choice we make can be a matter of life or death.

A declaration of equality

Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future.

We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.

Church Collection Envelopes

The 2018/2019 Church Collection envelopes are now ready for distribution. We would be very grateful for your help in distributing the boxes. Please contact the Presbytery tel. 9021844. Thank you.

Corpus Christi Procession

The Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday June 3rd after the 12 noon Mass.

The route will be: Chapel Street, Tucker Street, Linenhall Street, Main Street, Ellison Street to the Mall where Benediction will be celebrated.

Belcarra Missionary Society

A display of knitted and crocheted items will be held in the Community Room, Balla on Sun 20th May from 10.30am to 4pm. All donations go directly to African Missions.

Mayo Roscommon Hospice

Volunteers needed on National Sunflower Days 8th and 9th June for the hospice at stores in Mayo. Tel 094 9388666.

Fleadh na n-Óg do bhunscoileanna an pharóiste
Déardaoin 24 Bealtaine, 7pm – 9pm, Coláiste Dáibhéid.

Seimineár do Bhliain na Gaeilge

Ostán Breaffy, Dé Sathairn 26 Bhealtaine, 10am – 1.30pm.

Volunteering at Knock Shrine

Knock Shrine would welcome volunteers to assist pilgrims during the 2018 pilgrimage season. A meeting to arrange same will take place in St Mary's Hostel, Knock on Wed 23rd May at 8pm. All welcome.

24 hours Adoration in Islandeady Church

Starting Wed 23rd May at 9pm and finishing Thurs 24th May at 9pm for the Protection of the 8th Amendment. Anyone wishing to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, please tel Liam at 087 2639726.

Country Dance Night for Hospice

May 28th in the Royal Theatre, doors open at 8pm. Tickets €15, available from the Royal Theatre and Hospice Shop.

Schoolbags for Ghana

3,600 schoolbags needed for underprivileged children in Ghana, must be in good condition with zips working. Also copies and pencils needed. If you can help tel Noeline Haylett at 098 41484.

Castlebar and Breaffy Community Games

Athletic finals on 23rd May at St Mary's track behind the GMIT. Registration from 5.30pm to 6pm. First race at 6pm. Entry fee: €2.