

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 23rd April:

- 10.00am - Kathleen White, Australia & late of Knockthomas. (1st Anv)
7.00pm - Tom & Delia Moyette, Market Square & dec family. Anthony McHugh, Turlough Road.
Marie O'Malley, Dublin & late of Burren. (1st Anv)

Tuesday 24th April:

- 10.00am - Jimmy Rowland, Main Street & Garryduff Park, Pearse, Tom & Nano O'Gara, Kennedy Gardens & Eileen Moran, Main Street.

Wednesday 25th April:

- 8.00am - Willie & Bridie Lavelle, St. Patrick's Avenue & dec relatives.
10.00am - Bridie & Johnny McHale & Gibbons family.

Thursday 26th April:

- 10.00am - William & Mary Jordan, McHale Road, daughters Teasia & Ann, grandchildren Brian & Caroline & dec Jordan & Bourke families.

Friday 27th April:

- 8.00am - Margaret Fitzgerald.
10.00am - Bernard Joyce, Kennedy Gardens. Gerald Creaney, Portadown.

Saturday 28th April:

- 10.00am - Madeline McGuire, Hazel Grove. Dennis Murphy, Newtown.
Michael & Katie Lavelle, Knocknaskibbole & dec Lavelle & Coyle families.
7.00pm - Patrick (Pa) Fallon, Riverdale Court. (M.M.).



BREAFFY CHURCH

- Mon 23rd April:** 7.30pm - Nora Ralph & dec Caine & Ralph families.
Wed 25th April: 7.30pm - Private Intention.
Fri 27th April: 7.30pm - Mary Christina Walsh. (M.M.)
Sat 28th April: 10.00am - Sean Kennedy & dec family.
Sun 29th April: 10.00am - Jim Jolly & dec Jolly & Mannion families.
11.30am - Michael Foy (1st Anv) & dec Foy & Murphy families.

BALLYHEANE CHURCH

- Sat 28th April:** 10.00am - Walter McEvilly. (M.M.)
8.00pm - Dick & Una Sweeney, Ballyheane & dec family.
John & Frances Garvey, Buncom, son John & daughter Ann.

ALTAR SERVERS

5 th Class - starting Mon 23 rd	6 th Class - Sun 29 th
7pm Mon - B	8.30am - B
8.00am Wed	10.30am - A
8.00am Fri, 10am Sat - A	12.00pm - C

ALTAR SOCIETY: 28th April

Nora Griffith Brid Haugh
Gabrielle Maloney Teresa Quinn

DAILY READERS

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



MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 28th/29th April

7.00pm - Ian Douglas
8.30am - Norah Walshe
10.30am - Tony Monaghan
12.00pm - Michael Reynolds

REST IN PEACE

Michael Gaughan, The Oaks.
James Hennessy, Chicago, brother of the late Nancy McGowan, Rathbawn Drive.
Michael Hoban, Canberra, Australia, late of Mountgordon, brother of Pat Hoban, Rathbawn Drive.
Brendan McNamanon, Kilmeena & Castlebar.
Kathleen Flannery, Hollymount, mother of Dr Mary Flannery, Breaffy.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Sun May 6th, commencing with the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick at 2.30pm. Archbishop Michael Neary will lead the Pilgrimage.

Newport Church Centenary Concert

As part of its Centenary celebrations, Newport Church will host the Irish Chamber Orchestra at 8pm on Friday May 18th for a concert entitled 'Death and the Maiden'. Tickets €20 available in Castlebar Parish Office or on Eventbrite.ie.

Prayer is meant to keep us awake

Unless you somehow have a foot outside your culture, the culture will swallow you whole. The Jesuit priest Daniel Berrigan wrote that, and it's true too in this sense: unless you can drink in strength from a source outside yourself, your natural proclivities for paranoia, bitterness and hatred will invariably swallow you whole.

The disciples in Luke's Gospel understood this. They approached Jesus and asked him to teach them how to pray because they saw him doing things that they did not see anyone else doing. He was able to meet hatred with love, to genuinely forgive others, to endure misunderstanding and opposition, without giving in to self-pity and bitterness, and to retain within himself a centre of peace and non-violence. This, they knew, was as extraordinary as walking on water, and they sensed that he was drawing the strength to do this from a source outside him, through prayer.

They knew they themselves were incapable of resisting bitterness and hatred, and they wanted to be as strong as Jesus and so they asked him: "Lord, teach us to pray." No doubt they imagined that this would simply be a question of learning a certain technique. But, as the Gospels make clear, linking to a divine source outside ourselves isn't always easy or automatic, even for Jesus, as we see from his struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane, his Agony in the Garden.

Jesus himself had to struggle mightily at times to ground himself in God, as we see from his prayer in Gethsemane. His struggle there is described as an "agony", and this needs to be carefully understood. "Agony" was a technical term used at the time for athletes. Before entering the stadium or arena for a contest, athletes would first work their bodies into a sweat, a warm lather, an agony, to make their muscles warm and ready for the contest. The Gospels tell us that Jesus also worked himself into a sweat, except in his case he sweated blood as he readied himself in his heart for the contest, the test, he was about to enter his Passion. And what was that context? The test he was readying himself for wasn't, as it is commonly believed, an agonising over the decision whether to let himself be crucified or to invoke divine power and save himself from this humiliation and death. That was never the issue in his struggle in Gethsemane. He had long before accepted that he was going to die. The question was how: how would he die, in love or in bitterness?

Fr Ronald Rolheiser, taken from 'The Last Word'. (To be continued in next week's Newsletter)



CEREMONY OF LIGHT

For all Confirmation candidates and their families on
Tuesday 24th April at 8pm in the Parish Church

CONFIRMATION DATES **Parish Church**

27 th April at 12noon	-	Scoil Raifteiri
28 th April at 2pm	-	Town Schools
29 th April at 2pm	-	Country Schools



NOTICES

National Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

The Castlebar Eucharistic Adoration Committee are organising a coach to travel to the Pilgrimage on Sun April 29th. The coach will leave Chapel Street at 10am and returns from Knock at 5.30pm. To book tel 094 9024305.

Third World Support Group Meeting

Tues 24th April at 7.30pm in the Monastery. Everybody welcome.

Mayo COPD Support Group

Thurs April 26th at 3pm in Castlebar Tennis Club. COPD Advice line: Call free 1800 83 21 46.

St. Vincent De Paul

Volunteers needed to visit the Sacred Heart Hospital for an hour each week. Tel Anne at 087 7737686.

The Irish Heart Foundation mobile health unit

will be at Castlebar Library from 10am to 5pm on Thurs April 26th. They will be carrying out free blood pressure checks. All are welcome to attend.

Western Alzheimers Charity Shop, Market Square needs bric-a-brac, clothes and accessories. Open Wednesdays from 7pm – 8pm during May for donation drop offs.

Castlebar Darkness Into Light Walk for Pieta House 12th May

Registration at Supervalu on Tues and Wed from 11am to 6pm and at TF Royal Hotel on Wed and Thurs from 6pm to 9pm.

Carers Support Group Meeting

Thurs 26th April at 8pm in the Family Centre. The meeting is for those who are caring for people or family members with dementia. All are welcome.

Volunteer in Africa

Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 17th June and work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. Volunteers will pay their own costs. For more info tel Denis at 086 8520271.

Class of 1982 St. Joseph's School Reunion

In Bridge St. (upstairs) on Sat May 5th from 3pm to 8pm. For info tel Hilary at 086 0574858.

'Quiet Days for Busy People' - Day Retreat

Sat 28th April in the Prayer Guidance Centre, Knock from 11am-3pm. To book tel 094 9375355