

# CASTLEBAR PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Sunday Mass Times

**Parish Church:** 7pm (Sat), 8.30am, 10.30am, 12pm **Ballyheane Church:** 8.00pm (Sat.) **Breaffy Church:** 10am, 11.30am

**Priests:** Fr. Conal Eustace PP, Fr. Shane Costello CC, Fr. Jose Raju CC. **Tel.** 094 9021844

**Diocesan Child Safeguarding:** More information available at [www.tuamarchdiocese.org](http://www.tuamarchdiocese.org)

Anyone with issues or concerns around the safety of children should tel. 087 9315823 or 087 4070206.



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### PARISH CHURCH

view online at [churchtv.ie/castlebar](http://churchtv.ie/castlebar)

Parish Radio 105.3fm

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May:

10.00am - Private Intention.

7.00pm - Eleanor Quigley, Spencer Park. (M.M.)

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May:

10.00am - Private Intention.

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May:

8.00am - Dominic, Roseanne & Pat Staunton, Manulla & dec. Staunton, Jennings & Sweeney families.

10.00am - Gary Fitzgerald, College View.

Teresa & Jack Flannery, Sion Hill, son Michael, Garryduff Park & grandson Peter Cosgrave, Cong.

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June:

10.00am - Private Intention.

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:

8.00am - Private Intention.

10.00am - Private Intention.

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:

10.00am - John, Bridget & Chris Gilboy, Marian & Michael O'Connell & John Keane, Knockadine. Bridie Jennings, Commauns, Burren & Sion Hill.

Michael & Kate Lavelle, Knocknaskibbole & dec. Lavelle & Coyle families.

Ann Mongan, Mountgordon. Tom & Bridie Byrne, Buncom.

Paddy, Kathleen & Michael Patrick Deere & dec. Devaney & White families, Snugboro.

7.00pm - Denis McCarthy, Knights Park. (M.M.)

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June:

10.30am - Sean Kerins, Westport Road. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)



### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

view online at [churchtv.ie/ballyheane](http://churchtv.ie/ballyheane)

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** 8.00pm - Helen & Walter Walsh, Derrew. Mary & Gus Naughton, Drimloughra. Walter Staunton, Ballyheane. Nora & Pake Archibald.

### BREAFFY CHURCH

view online at [churchtv.ie/breaffy](http://churchtv.ie/breaffy)

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June:** 10.00am - Jim & Eileen Jolly & dec. Jolly & Mannion families. Mary & Jack O'Reilly, Station Road.

11.30am - Tom & Sarah Heneghan & dec. Heneghan family, Breaffy.

## Rest in Peace



**Elizabeth (Betty) Hynes**, London & Wexford, sister of Joan Corcoran, Spencer Street.

**T. P. Lynn**, Westport, father of Deirdre Rodgers, Mons Terrace.

## Pentecost Sunday

*John 20:19-23*

### Breath of life

In his final moments on the cross, before he took his last breath, Jesus entrusted his mother and his beloved disciple to each other, establishing a new family for those he loved and held close in life. Now, Jesus breathes his Spirit into this new community, a new creation. In spite of Mary Magdalene's testimony that she has 'seen the Lord', the disciples are afraid and hiding. Jesus comes to dispel their fear, his first word a message and manifestation of peace: *Shalom*. Several times, Jesus had promised his friends that he would send them the Holy Spirit to remind them of everything he taught (Jn 14:26) and to guide them to truth (Jn 16:13). This Spirit of Jesus present with them, in a new way, bringing them to new life.

We read that Jesus 'breathed on them'. This breath of life is the same life-force that sustains us at every moment, connecting us to everyone and everything – the plants that give off oxygen, the air breathed by all living beings in the past, present and future. This is the sacrament of life that God breathed into Adam and Ezekiel, breath that gives and sustains life. It is the breath that God breathes into each and every one of us. It is no wonder, then, that many spiritual practices invite us to focus on our breath to become more present, because it is in the present we find God and this life-giving Spirit.

In the creation accounts, we read that a 'wind from God' (Gen 1:2) swept over the primordial chaos. The Hebrew word used for wind is '*ruach*', also translated as Spirit, the creative aspect of God. The Spirit is God's continuing presence in our world today. She is not confined to time or place, but dwells in everyone and is present in every culture and age. She is a gentle comforter and a vibrant guide, 'inspiring the prophets of each century to speak the word of God as it emerges newly and freshly in every age'.

*(The Deep End)*

### **Holy Hour**

- Every Sunday from 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Church.

### **Adoration of the Eucharist**

- Every Friday from 11am in the Parish Church.

### **Lectio Divina**

- Every Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Monastery.



### **Church Collection Envelopes**

The 2023/2024 Church Collection envelopes are now ready for distribution. We would be very grateful for your help in distributing the boxes. Please contact the Parish Office at 094 9021844.

### **Mass for First Holy Communion Children and their families**

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in Knock Shrine. Children are welcome to wear their First Communion outfits for the celebration.

### **VAKS Programme**

Applications are now open for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine) programme. It is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! For info contact Knock Youth Ministry on 094 9375321 or [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)

### **Castlebar Third World Support Group**

Meeting will take place in the Monastery on Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

### **Free Training Course Now Enrolling! Fast Track to Employment**

Are you out of work? The Fast Track to Employment course allows you to undertake a work placement with an employer, to upskill and retrain to secure a job. Tel. Caroline on 0867701996 or email [caroline.omalley@nln.ie](mailto:caroline.omalley@nln.ie)

### **Car Boot Sale**

Today Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 8am to 3pm in Main Street Car Park. In aid of Castlebar Scouts.