

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> April:

10.00am - Patrick Sammon, baby Bridget Teresa & daughter Marion Dillon, Cloonkeen.  
Mary Conway, Errew & Boston.  
7.00pm - Special Intention.

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May:

10.00am - Peter & Mary Moran & son Vincent, Westport Road & Kitty & Stephen Maughan, Kilkenny Cross.

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:

8.00am - Holy Souls. Martin & Bridget McNicholas, Derrywash. Michael Shoevlin, Tourmakeady.  
10.00am - Jim & Mai Hernan, Chapel Street & son in law Vinny Geelan.

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:

10.00am - Martin & Marion Howley & dec Howley & Griffith families.

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May:

8.00am - Ned & Mary Mongan & dec relatives, Lisaniska, Belcarra.  
10.00am - Charles & Lily Egan & dec family, late of Main Street. John Feeney, McHale Road.

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May:

10.00am - Patrick, Margaret & Peter Murray, Tullycommons. Seamus Lally, Belmullet.  
Tom Cuffe, Chestnut Grove. Mary Livingstone, Turlough Road.  
James & Delia Gavin & dec Gavin & O'Hara families. Cian Kearney, 'Darragh', Westport Road.  
Margaret & John Finnerty, Liscromwell. John & Mary Dunne, 13 St. Patrick's Avenue.  
7.00pm - Kevin O'Malley, Rathbawn Road. (M.M.)

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May:

10.30am - John Coogan, Tullamore & McHale Road. (M.M.)

### BREAFFY CHURCH

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> April:** 7.30pm - Private Intention.  
**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** 7.30pm - Private Intention.  
**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May:** 7.30pm - Private Intention.  
**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.00am - Stanley & Bridget McDonnell & dec family.  
**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.00am - Private Intention.  
11.30am - Private Intention.



### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.00am - Tom Fahey, Lisnaponra. (M.M.)  
8.00pm - Private Intention.

### ALTAR SERVERS

5 <sup>th</sup> Class - starting Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>
7pm Mon - D	8.30am - D
8.00am Wed	10.30am - F
8.00am Fri, 10am Sat - C	12.00pm - E

### ALTAR SOCIETY: 5<sup>th</sup> May

Sally Hopkins Helen Ryder Mary Nolan

### DAILY READERS

Mon - Angela Gormley  
Tues - Sr Teresa Kilcourse  
Wed - Joan Hanley  
Thurs - Eileen Lynch  
Fri - Anna O'Boyle



### MINISTERS OF THE WORD: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> May

7.00pm - Tom Lennon  
8.30am - Breege Kelly  
10.30am - Joe Staunton  
12.00pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion  
St. Angela's NS

### REST IN PEACE

*Sr Consilio Hyland, Ard Bhríde & Clifden.  
Brendan Farrell, Springfield Court.*

### First Friday

There will be Mass at 7.30pm in Breaffy Church and 8pm in Ballyheane Church.

### Extended Adoration

Extended Adoration to pray for a No vote in the upcoming referendum, from 7pm on Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May to 10am on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May. To help please tel 086 8197111. Thank you.

**The Holy Ghost Fathers** thank all who contributed to their recent collection which amounted to €4694.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Ballyheane Church:** Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon

Ballyheane NS, Errew NS

**Parish Church:** Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon

St Angela's NS



## **Prayer is meant to keep us awake**

In the end, it was a struggle for Jesus to strengthen his will so that he would die with a loving, warm, forgiving heart. And it was a struggle; a positive outcome was in doubt. Amid all the darkness, hatred, bitterness, injustice and misunderstanding that surrounded him, amid everything that stood unfairly against him and was antithetical to his person and message, Jesus struggled mightily to cling to a source that could give him the strength to resist the hatred and violence around him, that could give him the heart to forgive his enemies, that could give him the graciousness to forgive the good thief, and that could give him the inner strength to turn humiliation, pain and injustice into compassion rather than bitterness.

The Gospels put this metaphorically as a struggle to “stay awake”, namely, to stay awake to his inner identity as God’s Beloved, an identity that he appropriated at his baptism and which shaped his very consciousness during all the years of his ministry. In Gethsemane, amid everything that invites him (and us) into moral amnesia, Jesus manages to stay awake to his deeper reality and his identity as God’s Beloved. His disciples don’t. As the Gospels tell us, during Jesus’s great struggle they fell asleep and their sleep (“out of sheer sorrow”) was more than physical fatigue. This is evident when, immediately after Jesus has managed to ground himself against hatred and violence, Peter succumbs to both and cuts off the ear of the high priest’s servant. Peter was asleep in more ways than one, in a sleep that signifies the absence of prayer in one’s life.

Prayer is meant to keep us awake, which means it’s meant to keep us connected to a source outside of our natural instincts and proclivities which can keep us grounded in love, forgiveness, non-retaliation and non-violence, when everything inside us and around us screams for bitterness, hatred and retaliation. And if Jesus had to sweat blood in trying to stay connected to that source when he was tested, we can expect that the cost for us will be the same: struggle, agony, wanting in every fibre of our being to give in, clinging to love precariously by the skin of our teeth, and then having God’s angel strengthen us only when we’ve been writhing long enough in the struggle so that we can let God’s strength do for us what our own strength cannot do.

Lord, teach us to pray!

*Fr Ronald Rolheiser*

## **CONFIRMATION**

We remember in our prayers this weekend all our young people being confirmed in their faith by Archbishop Michael Neary. We ask God’s Blessing for them and their families. Thanks to all who prepared them for this special day.



## **NOTICES**

### **Rosary**

The Junior Legion of Mary will recite a public Rosary at the church grotto every Fri for the month of May at 7pm.

### **Guided Prayer**

An hour of quiet prayer will take place in the Monastery on Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8pm. All are welcome.

### **First Saturdays Devotion**

Knock Shrine on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 11am with Rosary and concluding with Holy Mass at 12noon. All welcome.

### **Public Mini Vigil at Knock**

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May with confessions at 8pm and Vigil from 9pm until Midnight in the Basilica. [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### **Alive - Free Newspaper**

Available at the back of the Church. Please take one for yourself, your neighbour or your family.

### **Turn Mayo Pink on Sat May 5<sup>th</sup>**

For Mayo Pink Ribbon Charity Cycle in aid of breast cancer research. Register for the cycle at [www.mayopinkribbon.ie](http://www.mayopinkribbon.ie)

### **BRI - Brain Injury Support Meeting**

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm in Le Cheile, Tucker Street. For more info tel 094 9025126.

### **Family Centre Courses**

#### **Wood you Believe – A Journey of Transformation**

with Fr. Jim Cogley, on Fri: 4th May, 10am – 4pm

#### **Common Sense Parenting Programme:**

Starting on Tues May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm – 9pm.

Tel 094 9025900, email [info@thefamilycentre.com](mailto:info@thefamilycentre.com)

### **Tomás Langan to be honoured**

A Gala Concert will take place in the Linenhall Arts Centre on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm to honour Tomás on receiving 250,000 hits on social media as a result of appearing at a recent concert in Galway.

Adm €15, tel Linenhall Arts Centre at 094 9023733.

Proceeds In aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice.

### **Car Boot Sale**

This Sun from 8am to 3pm in Main Street car park. In aid of Snugboro Development Association.

### **Lough Derg 2018**

Season opens for One Day Retreats on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May. Retreats continue on May 6,7,8,13,15,20,22,26,27, & 28. Three day pilgrimage season begins on Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June. Advance booking essential, tel 0719861518.