

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December:

10.00am - John & Loretta Kenny, Riverdale Court.

7.00pm - Maura Ryan, Newline.

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:

10.00am - Pake & Ellie Philbin, Conloon, daughter Rose McHugh, Turlough & son Michael Philbin, Conloon.

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December:

8.00am - Julia & Patrick Padden, Agnes & Martin Cullen, Johnny & Annie O'Dowd. Holy Souls.

10.00am - Pierce & Esther Fox, Dublin & dec relatives.

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December:

10.00am - Willie Loftus, Knocknaskibbole & dec Loftus & Murray families & Sr. Eleanor Loftus, Pittsburgh, USA.

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December:

8.00am - Monty Armstrong, Newtown.

10.00am - Jack, Mary, Jim & Paddy Browne, Kilboyne & dec Browne & Murphy families.

7.00pm - Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

#### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December:

10.00am - Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

7.00pm - Henry Brogan, Pheasant Hill (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.), parents Michael & Winifred & dec Brogan & Bartley families.

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December:

10.30am - Della Keane, 44 Rowan Drive. (1<sup>st</sup> Anv.)

### BREAFFY CHURCH

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> December: 7.30pm - Frank & Margaret McGreal & dec family.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> December: 7.30pm - Margaret & Peter Cawley, son Peter & dec family.

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> December: 7.30pm - Martin Cunnane.

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am - T J Solan & dec family.

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00am - Daniel Flanagan & dec Madigan & Flanagan families.

11.30am - Mary & Tommy O'Boyle & dec family.

### BALLYHEANE CHURCH

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> December: 8.00pm - Paddy & Mary King & dec King & Jennings families.

Mamie Skeffington, Carrowclogher.

Paddy & Nora Quigley, Ballyheane.



### ALTAR SERVERS

6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>
8.30am - B
10.30am - C
12.00pm - D



#### ALTAR SOCIETY: 8<sup>th</sup> December

B. Downes M. Brett M. Rance

### DAILY READERS

Tues - M. Carroll  
Wed - C. Millett  
Thurs - N. Walshe  
Fri - M. Higgins



### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December

7.00pm - M. Tighe  
8.30am - N. Walshe  
10.30am - U. Ryan  
12.00pm - M. Lally

### REST IN PEACE

**Mary Mahon**, Wolverhampton, sister-in-law of Michael Mahon, Rathbawn & Ann Ralph Rinshinna.

**Cathy Griffin nee Waldron**, Blacklion, sister of the late Gina Carney, Corheens.

### Healing/Anointing Catholic Ministry Service

Praise and Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks and Adoration will be held in The Parish Centre, Chapel Street on Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec from 1pm to 5.15pm.



## Be Prepared ...

Have you ever heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper? It tells the tale of a grasshopper who has spent the summer singing and so is not prepared when winter comes, whereas the ant has been working hard all summer and has stored up enough food for winter. Like many of Aesop's Fables, it has a stark moral lesson, in this case about the virtue of hard work and being prepared for the future.

Of course, Advent is about looking forward to Christmas and our celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of preparation to welcome him anew into our lives. But today's readings remind us that Advent is also about looking ahead to another time, the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time. 'Advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning 'coming'.

The problem, of course, is that we have no idea when this will happen. Unlike the ant and the grasshopper, we have no way of knowing when the seasons will change. We don't even know when the sun will set on our own individual lives. All we can do is to be prepared and to 'stay awake' – to live now in such a way that when we meet Jesus, we will be ready. The readiness is less a practical skill than a condition, or a way of life. Look at how St. Paul describes it: he talks about increasing our love for one another, and continually making progress in living the life that God wants. That is how we store up treasures here on earth to make sure we are ready for the heavenly things to come.

*Triona Doherty, Intercom.*

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*December 8<sup>th</sup> - Mass times*

<b>Parish Church:</b>	7.00pm (Friday)	10am (Saturday)
<b>Breaffy Church:</b>	7.30pm (Friday)	10am (Saturday)
<b>Ballyheane Church:</b>	8.00pm (Friday)	



#### Donation

Fr. Conal acknowledges with thanks receipt of an anonymous donation of €500 to the church.

#### Mission Sunday Collection

Thanks to all who contributed €9,000 during the Mission Sunday Collection.

#### Holy Ghost Fathers

The Holy Ghost Fathers thank the people of Castlebar Parish who donated €9,270 to their appeal. Your great generosity is very much appreciated.

#### Extended Adoration for the Unborn

You are welcome at the Monastery from 7pm on the First Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec to 9.30am on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. If you would like to help tel 086 8197111.

#### Orthodox Liturgy

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2.30pm in the Parish Church.

#### Ballyheane Community Council Celebrates 25 Years

A special celebratory night will take place in Ballyheane Community Centre on Mon Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ballyheane Community Council. Guest speakers. All are welcome.

#### Carers Support Group Meeting

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm in the Family Centre. The meeting is for those who are caring for people or family members with dementia. All are welcome.

#### Ecumenical Carol Service

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm in Christchurch, Castlebar. All are welcome.

#### Monthly Meditation Group Meeting

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Dec in the Family Centre, Chapel Street from 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Presenter: Maura Flynn R.S.M.

#### Western Alzheimers Fundraising Nollaig na mBan Ladies Luncheon

The Lodge at Ashford Castle, Cong, Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 at 1pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance, tel 094 9364900.

#### Mayo Branch of Retired Civil and Public Servants Association Meeting

Traveller's Friend Hotel on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11am. Speaker: Sharon Cameron, Environmental Awareness Officer, Mayo County Council.

#### Mayo Historical & Archaeological Society

Lecture by Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh, Professor Emeritus, NUIG. "Mayo and Gaeltacht Commission, 1925/26" in GMIT at 8pm on Wed Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

#### St Patrick's Boys NS Parents Association 25 Drive

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec in St Patrick's NS at 8pm. Adm €10.

#### Le Chéile Family Resource Centre

Information on activities and classes tel 094-9025126.